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Red Army Now 17 Miles from Bucharest



Celebrating a Victory Over John L. Lewis: Jubilant CIO Transport Workers' Union members (above) carry their president, Councilman Michael Quill, on their shoulders as they celebrate the 3 to 1 licking they gave John L. Lewis' District 50 in a State Labor Relations Board poll of Third Ave. Railway System employees. Below—TWU men bring out an improvised coffin. The three men whose names appear on it along with District 50 were unionists who went over to Lewis. (See story on page 5, editorial on page 6.)

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LONDON, Aug. 30 (UP).—The Red Army, in one of the most far-reaching victories of the war, today captured the Romanian city of Ploesti, center of the richest oilfields in Europe and the German war machine's major source of natural fuel.

Sweeping up more than 200 towns and settlements and 15,000 Nazi prisoners, including an army corps com-

BULLETIN

LONDON, Thursday, Aug. 31 (UP). — A Romanian peace delegation has arrived in Moscow, the Moscow radio said today.

mander and three divisional generals, Soviet troops also drove to within 17 miles northeast of Bucharest, Moscow's operational war bulletin revealed tonight.

Ploesti was captured in a swift 37-mile advance by tanks, cavalry and infantry of Marshal Rodion Y. Malinovsky's 2d Ukrainian Army on the 12th day of the Red Army's spectacular Romanian offensive, and one year and 30 days after the first daring American bombing of the oilfields by planes from the Middle East.

The Soviet victory was one of the most severe setbacks for Adolf Hitler since the Red Army turned the tide of Nazi aggression at Stalingrad.

GREAT OILFIELDS

The British Ministry of Economic Warfare estimated today that Romania's great oilfields, of which Ploesti is the center, produced 5,500,000 tons of oil a year.

Marshal Joseph Stalin, announcing the Soviet conquest, said in an Order of the Day that "with the occupation of the towns of Buzau and Ploesti, the liberation of the oil regions of Romania from the German invaders has been completed."

Buzau was captured yesterday and Ploesti was seized in a quick thrust along the southern foothills of the Transylvanian Alps from that oil pipe line station.

In Moscow Wednesday night, the Soviet capital's 224 victory guns fired a 20-salvo salute to mark the victory that in one stroke severely crippled Germany's ability to make war.

REFINERIES

There are at least seven great oil refineries at Ploesti, some of which in prewar days were controlled by American and British capital, and the adjoining oil regions produced at least 55 percent of Hitler's available mineral oil supply.

The Ploesti area produces one-third of the total natural and synthetic oil production available for the German war machine.

By seizing Ploesti, Malinovsky's troops outflanked the Romanian capital of Bucharest, 31 miles to the south and cut the Brasov-Bucharest railroad which runs through Hungarian-annexed Transylvania, to Budapest, capital of Hungary.

Only an insignificant part of Malinovsky's huge army group was sent forward to capture the oil city, and the Germans, beset by Romanian defection and the attacks of its erstwhile allies, were unable to offer much resistance in defending one of the greatest of all military prizes.

Already the great Drohobycz oil fields in Poland have fallen into Soviet hands and the Estonian fields are threatened by a Red Army drive in that Baltic country.

Let Congress Hear You Want Honest Reconversion Bill

The Battle for Reconversion is reaching a high point in the House of Representatives. Only the strongest pressure from the people can prevent the GOP-polltax coalition from putting through

the disastrous George bill as amended by the House Ways and Means Committee. Amendments by Reps. Emanuel Celler, John Dingell and Charles A. Wolverton bring the bill more in line with the

principles of the original Kilgore bill for a real reconversion program. We urge every reader to wire his congressman at once, insisting that he support these amendments.

1st Vote on Reconversion Amendments Due Today

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—GOP leaders in the House had a minor revolt on their hands tonight against their all-out support for the do-nothing Ways and Means Committee reconversion bill. The revolt took the form of a sharp protest by Rep. Frank Keefe, old-line Wisconsin Republican, against committee action in arbitrarily refusing to extend unemployment compensation coverage during the reconversion period to some 3,000,000 federal workers.

Apparently fearing that other Republicans would join Keefe who said he would introduce an amendment to cover the federal workers, GOP spokesmen on the Ways and Means Committee argued heatedly that the problem was too complicated and would need months of study before legislative action was feasible.

But this was the only phase of the reconversion issue on which there appeared possibilities of cracking the powerful line-up of Republicans and polltax Democrats.

The prospects tonight did not look too good for most of the amendments designed to secure more adequate legislation which will be offered by four administration members of the Ways and Means Committee who signed a minority report.

The first vote is likely to come tomorrow on the bill introduced by Rep. John Dingell, Michigan Democrat, to assure planning of reconversion, federal unemployment compensation payments and retraining of war workers and veterans.

Several advocates of over-all reconversion legislation, including Reps. Walter Lynch of New York, Aime Forand of Rhode Island, Herman Eberhart of Pennsylvania and Emanuel Celler of New York, all Democrats, spoke during the day.

And the sponsors of the committee bill felt it necessary to trot out some of their big guns, including Reps. E. E. Cox of Georgia and Hatton Summers of Texas to defend the do-nothing approach.

In a letter to all members of the House, CIO President Philip Murray urged support for the amendments which will be offered to improve the committee bill.

"It can be predicted now that if this bill passes in the form in which it came from committee, the 78th Congress will have left a legacy of trouble for the 79th Congress and for the country, which will have to be cleared up in 1945," he declared.

Simplified Tax Blanks Ready

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 UP.—The Treasury announced today it has completed plans for putting into effect the new tax simplification law which will spare some 30,000,000 income taxpayers the trouble of figuring out their 1944 income taxes.

Joseph D. Nunan, Jr., Commissioner of Internal Revenue, said the government is distributing to employers withholding tax receipts which, when filled out, can be used by most employees in place of regular tax returns.

Taxpayers receiving less than \$5,000 a year income, on which they paid withholding taxes, will receive from employers by Jan. 31 a receipt showing wages and taxes withheld.

They will then forward the receipt to the Treasury before March 15.

Camden CIO-AFL Unite In Reconversion Fight

By WALTER LOWENFELS

CAMDEN, N. J., Aug. 30.—All CIO and AFL local unions here joined hands last night for a fight to the finish campaign on behalf of the Celler-Dingell reconversion bill.

At an emergency conference at the Walt Whitman Hotel, 40 local union officials drafted a strong resolution urging Congress to assure adequate protection of human needs in the postwar period by adopting the Celler-Dingell measure and laid plans for a continued fight on the bill.

Coming from the Capital especially for the conference, Republican Rep. Charles A. Wolverton and Democratic Rep. Elmer H. Wene pledged their full cooperation. Wolverton attacked the weakened George reconversion bill, supported by most Republicans in coalition with the poll tax bloc in the House. He labeled it "as near nothing as anything can be." He blasted the "states' rights" theory which is the cover up for the inadequate unemployment benefits allowed in the George bill.

"People have left their homes and gone into other states to work," Wolverton said. "Our boys have gone into other countries to fight. All are assisting in the great national effort and all should be treated alike and not be required to accept the philosophy of the state in which they served during the emergency."

The conference also heard Frank Hartman, president of the AFL Central Labor Union, and John Green, president of the CIO Shipyard

Workers Union. Both stressed the need for international cooperation, extension of world trade and guaranteed wages to assure full postwar employment.

A committee elected to continue action on reconversion consists of Joseph McComb, Central Labor Union vice president, Edward Sherry, AFL business agent, Morton Bloom, chairman of the South Jersey CIO-PAC, and Harry Deitz, executive secretary of Local One, IUMSWA and a member of the New Jersey Legislature.

Mexico Spikes Tale Of 'Communist Plot'

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 30 (ALN).—Mexico's Interior Ministry this week declared that a document published in the newspaper Excelsior last June purporting to be a Communist plan to "sovietize America" is "without basis in fact," and promised revelations shortly.

The Excelsior document had named Vicente Lombardo Tellez, president of the Confederation of Latin American Workers, as the recipient of stipends from U. S. "imperialists" and alleged that Communists were urged to cooperate with him to advance "sovietization."

Jews Attacked, Germany Defended At Convention of America Firsters

By HARRY FAINARU

DETROIT, Aug. 30.—A demand for wholesale deportation of Jews was heard at the America Firsters' convention this morning. Homer Maetz, of Chicago, delegate, also demanded that those Jews who remain be sterilized.

Maetz presented his Hitlerite resolution during the discussion on the "Jewish plank" of this convention.

He had the unmitigated gall to declare: "To prevent civil strife and bloodshed in America, I recommend that all Jews be deported in a designated area. . . . And those who remain in America shall be submitted to sterilization."

The "Jewish plank" of the America First platform submitted for approval states:

"We must admit there is a Jewish problem. It must be solved honestly, realistically and courageously. We shall oppose prejudice and encourage the research necessary to the solution of this, the world's most unsolved problem."

After this was read, the chair-

man gave the go signal to the rabble rousers.

J. M. Francis, delegate from Ohio, a tall SS-like henchman, shouted that the "Jews destroy everything. He (the Jew) destroys the living Christ. He'll always remain a destroyer."

TOO MUCH FOR SOME

But evidently this Hitlerite resolution was too much for some of the delegates, and they expressed opposition to deportation or sterilization, on Christian grounds. Others advocated the application of the principles of the Constitution of the USA.

A woman delegate from Cleveland screamed that the word Jew is synonymous with "cheating and lying."

Another delegate, who opposed the resolution, said: "We should not forget that the Jews gave half a million dollars to George Washington at Valley Forge."

The convention, which is being held at the Leland Hotel here, must have been a disappointment to Smith, who expected about 900 delegates. There were not more than 250 or thereabouts, mostly

women of the elderly and middle aged type.

When the "war guilt" resolution was submitted for approval, a German-American took the floor and stated that Germany is not guilty for launching this war, that "American money and English imperialism are responsible."

Ralph Baerman, of Washington, D. C., chairman of the platform committee, read the "war guilt" plank, in which he called for a Congressional investigation.

Once more accusations were hurled at Roosevelt, Churchill and the Jewish bankers.

Not a word of condemnation of Hitler and Hirohito.

Another plank calls for the separation of Canada from Britain and annexing it to the United States.

Among the members of the platform committee is listed U. S. Sen. Robert R. Reynolds.

The footnote states:

Sen. Reynolds has aided and will continue to aid in literature and platform material concerning the problem of immigration and refugees.

UAW Chief, Back From France, Renews Plea For Allied Labor Unity

By ADAM LAPIN —

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—R. J. Thomas, president of the CIO United Auto Workers, returned today from a three-week trip to the battle front in France with renewed conviction of the need for international trade union unity so that labor can exert its full influence in shaping the postwar world.

After witnessing the destruction caused by the Nazis in London and in France and the conditions under which our servicemen fight, Thomas spoke eloquently for a "hard peace."

"Our troops are violently anti-Nazi and they fear that the United States and Great Britain will be too soft with the Germans," he declared. "Most of them agree with the leaders of the Russian Army that Germany should be crushed."

"They have nothing but good to say about the Red Army and a number expressed hope that the Russians get to Germany first. This is not because they fear the Germans but because they believe the Russians will be tougher with the Nazis."

Thomas said that he attended a luncheon of British union leaders given by Sir Walter Citrine, secretary of the Trades Union Congress, and found general agreement there on the need for a "hard peace."

BRITISH AGREE

The UAW head said he was "surprised" to find the TUC leaders in complete agreement with the CIO on the need for immediate action on convening an international trade union congress which would assert labor's role in the peace and postwar planning.

But he did point to sharp disagreement at the TUC luncheon where he said the AFL group headed by Frank Fenton, AFL director of organization, argued



R. J. THOMAS

against any conference with the Soviet Union. Thomas said that the CIO spoke in favor of collaboration with the labor movements of all the United Nations.

The UAW leader said his trip "confirmed" him in the belief that he had been correct in support of the no-strike pledge to the hilt. He said he met UAW members in France who told him that they had been against the no-strike pledge but "changed their minds."

URGE PRODUCTION

Fenton at a separate press conference later urged that every effort be made to meet the army's demands for manpower to fill production quotas.

"If the army says it needs certain items," he declared. "We've got to get them for them and we ought to funnel labor from less essential production in the lines to produce them."

"They're not coming home to accept unemployment," he declared. "It behooves Congress to find a solution for this problem."

Thomas also said he found a good deal of thinking among the soldiers about full employment and declared that they are "peevish about the large monopolies and cartels."

The UAW head denied that the soldiers overseas are anti-labor.

"Of course, the soldiers are very much against strikes," he said. "But even among non-union soldiers there was sentiment that the only way they are going to get justice after the war is through labor unions. And the CIO and AFL members we talked to were stronger for their unions than before."

McDonald revealed that the labor delegation had been told by leading American and British officials that the French labor movement was "the backbone of the underground."

The steel union leader also said that he found great feeling of friendship for the Red Army among soldiers, particularly among those in the air force who have been at our bases in the Soviet Union.

"The comradeship and fellowship with our allies being built up during the war is a good harbinger for lasting peace," he declared.

Pierce Robot Area, Take Laon, Reims

ALLIED SUPREME HEADQUARTERS, London, Thursday, Aug. 31 (UP).—Allied troops in a 25-mile drive from their Seine bridgeheads, smashed into the French robot bomb launching area Wednesday while Lt. Gen. Courtney Hodges' U. S. First Army, secretly shifted to the center of the front, seized Laon only 34 miles from Belgium, and the American Third Army captured Reims.

The Germans abandoned the fortress of Rouen on their west flank as Allied columns by-passed that Seine port to the east and swept through Gournay, Beauvais and Marseilles-en-Beauvais. Gournay is only 40 miles from Dieppe on the coast and the intervening area is reported infested with the Germans' bomb-launching slides.

The First Army, it was belatedly disclosed, was responsible for the capture of Chateau-Thierry and Soissons, reported Tuesday, as well as Laon after completing an amazing 70-mile march from Paris.

YANKS CAPTURE 180,000

Hodges' troops have captured 115,000 prisoners since they landed in France on D-Day and, added to 65,000 taken by the Third Army, American armies have collected 180,000 captives.

Hodges' army, rested and regrouped while Lt. Gen. George S. Patton's Third Army carried the brunt of the whirlwind Allied offensive of the last month, stood tonight only 50 miles from Sedan at the head of the famed Ardennes gap and 85 miles from Abbeville on the English Channel.

A pincers movement as brilliant in concept as that which destroyed the German Seventh Army was beginning to close around the German 15th Army—guardian of the Pas de Calais robot bomb coast and the low countries.

The First Army already was reported veering northwestward toward the Somme and Flanders, threatening to cut off a great part of the robot coast, while British and Canadian troops, smashing 25 miles northeast of the lower Seine and capturing Neuvmarche, brought up the western arm of the pincers.

40 MILES FROM AMIENS

The Tommies drove within 40 miles of Amiens, considered the geographical center of the flying bomb district, and it was possible that some of the launching sites already were in their hands.

Smashing into Reims against virtually no resistance, U. S. tanks pushed on 10 miles to the north, again reaching the Aisne at Neufchatel. Farther south the Third Army drove through Epernay, although there was no official indication of that town's capture, while to the east an eight-mile thrust was made northwest of captured Chalons, reaching Les Grandes near the river Vesle.

59 MILES FROM LYON

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Rome, Aug. 30 (UP).—American troops have pushed 27 more miles up the Rhone River valley to within 59 miles of Lyon, it was announced tonight.

An American column of tanks and mobile artillery advanced 27 miles from newly-captured Montelimar to the vicinity of Chabeuil in a drive to nip off the Nazi escape route through Valence road junction.

Eleven miles south of Valence other American forces were hard on the heels of Nazi forces trying to break northward across the Drome River at a point where it enters the Rhone. Headquarters said a fierce battle was in progress inside the 20 square mile triangle formed by the converging rivers and that the Nazis were suffering "severe casualties."

CORRECTION

A misplaced line in the fifth paragraph of yesterday's editorial titled "Hillman's Challenge." It read "Hillman showed how PAC has been rallying great attackers of PAC." It should have read: "Hillman at the hearing, took the offensive against the attackers of PAC."

Hull's Reply to Nazi Feeler: 'Unconditional Surrender'

Secretary of State Cordell Hull yesterday interpreted the latest Nazi peace feeler as an indication that the German High Command was preparing to offer peace to the United Nations, but reaffirmed the policy of absolute unconditional surrender. Hull made his

statement to a press conference in response to queries about Tuesday night's broadcast from the Nazi radio commentator, Gen. Kurt Dittmar.

Dittmar had said that Germany was losing the war, but would fight on as long as the United Nations pressed their offensive and as long as the United Nations held to their war aims.

His appeal gave clues to the new twists of the Nazi line:

(1) Hitler is trying to goad the Germans to further battle by the hope that the United Nations will become war-weary, and

(2) He is also trying to make it appear before the German people that the United Nations war aims—and not German fascism—are responsible for the war's continuation.

Hull said Dittmar's broadcast was a sign of Germany's desire to put out peace offers, but added that the "unconditional surrender" policy hardly needed reaffirmation.

The Secretary of State also said the State Department was constantly aware of the fact that Hitler and his aides might seek sanctuary in "neutral countries."

He recalled the Roosevelt-Churchill warnings to the neutrals not to harbor Axis criminals.



CORDELL HULL

FFI Captures Auxerre, Joigny

By United Press

Radio France in Algiers yesterday quoted the headquarters of Gen. Joseph-Pierre Koenig as announcing the capture by French partisans of Auxerre and Joigny, towns in the Yonne Department on the Yonne River southeast of Paris.

The broadcast, monitored by the FCC, said French Forces of the Interior had taken more than 300 prisoners in the Elbeuf area and that FFI troops in the Lyon sector were carrying out daily raids.

Guerilla warfare continues daily in the Saone-et-Loire Department in eastern France, the broadcast asserted, and it reported the death of a German general in an attack on a convoy.

Other fighting was reported around Beziers and Carcassonne, and German withdrawals were claimed in the Landes and Basses-Pyrenees Departments on the Bay of Biscay.

Crew of Submarine Trigger Honored

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UP).—The officers and men of the American submarine Trigger have been awarded the Presidential unit citation for "outstanding performance in combat" during the craft's fifth, sixth and seventh war patrols, the Navy disclosed tonight.

Ask US Town Take Name Of Razed Greek Village

By HELEN SIMON

The town of Distomo in Greece was razed and its 1,100 people slaughtered by the Germans on June 10, 1944, but a Distomo, U.S.A., must arise to remind freedom-loving peoples everywhere that democracy can never die.

This is the theme of a Committee for Rebirth of Distomo whose formation was announced here yesterday by its chairman, the playwright Maxwell Anderson.

"It is now proposed that an American town change its name to Disoomo to commemorate the original village and to honor the men, women and children killed in that place by the Nazis," Mr. Anderson explained.

"Some community named Berlin or Tokio might be glad to change its name," added Basil Vlavianos, editor of the Greek Daily National Herald, who participated in the opening press conference.

The Rt. Rev. G. Polyzoides, Bishop of Nyssis and assistant head of the Greek Orthodox Church for North and South America, expressed the hope that the American people, in honoring Distomo, would defy the Germans' mad threat on the eve of defeat: "When we fall we shall drag the whole of Europe with us."

The four or five churches of Distomo—a town the bishop remembered well—had been destroyed, he revealed.

Warrant Officer John Philios of the Greek Navy said he was happy that "at this moment of apparent victory the American people are not forgetting those who make victory possible."

"The crime of Distomo was that it refused to kneel beneath the conqueror's yoke," Mr. Vlavianos related. "Distomo stands at the gateway to the headquarters of the EAM—the people's liberation army. Consequently it was an important signal post for the guerrilla fighters in the mountains of Greece and the underground fighters in Athens, just 45½ miles to the southeast."

"Early in June the EAM fought the Nazis in a pitched battle near

Distomo. Many inhabitants of the town took part in the battle, in which 30 Nazis died. In blind fury the Germans decreed that Distomo must die."

The people died, machine-gunned ruthlessly. Small children sheltered by their mothers were later clubbed or kicked to death.

But outstanding Americans have formed the Committee for the Rebirth of Distomo, and through the newspapers they send out this plea: What American community wants to take that martyred name and perpetuate that glorious memory?

Members of the committee include Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, Sen. Robert Wagner, Rep. Emanuel Celler, Sen. H. M. Kilgore, Jo Davidson, Helen Hayes, Lillian Hellman and Arthur Szyk who serves as the committee's vice-chairman. Headquarters are at 140 W. 26 St.

U.S. Slavs Join National PAC

American Slav leaders, representing millions of Americans of Slav extraction, have joined the foreign language division of the National Citizens Political Action Committee, and pledged their personal cooperation to mobilize their membership behind the election of the Roosevelt-Truman ticket and a progressive Congress. The decision was unanimously adopted, after a motion by Tony Minerich, editor of the Pittsburgh Glass Worker, at a recent meeting in the Biltmore Hotel.

President Sidney Hillman of the NCPAC, principal speaker, urged the American-Slavic leaders to take up the fight for a united democratic America, after a lengthy and interesting speech, which embraced the broad issues of the presidential campaign. He urged leaders to conduct a mass registration campaign.

Soviet Paper Bares Nazi Intrigue In Turkey Despite Diplomatic Break

By JOHN GIBBONS

MOSCOW, Aug. 30.—The amazing activities of German diplomats in Turkey since the diplomatic rupture between those two countries is described today in a prominently featured report from the Batum correspondent of Pravda, Communist Party organ here.

Although German diplomats should have departed from Turkey Aug. 10, the correspondent notes that some 1,300 Germans remain in Turkey. Among these are the embassy counsellor, Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop's nephew; the embassy's first secretary, Herr Allardt; a commercial attache, Herr Moitsich, well-known in Ankara as a Gestapo agent, Gen. Rode a military attache and others.

These diplomats are blandly carrying on their former work of organizing diplomatic receptions, which often include Turkish officials. They continue to enjoy the privileges of extra-territoriality.

Their anti-Allied, particularly anti-Soviet, propaganda is going full blast, and all kinds of provocative

rumors are being circulated by them.

INFLUENCE PAPERS

The correspondent names six of many Turkish newspapers influenced by these Germans, and names several prominent Turks who are actively collaborating with them.

International law is being openly flouted by the Germans who, instead of leaving their business to the country looking after Germany's interests in Ankara, continue to receive and send correspondence to and from Berlin.

Referring to German espionage in Turkey and the Near East, the correspondent says: "Instead of diminishing, it has actually increased, and so far Turkish organs have not put any obstacle in the way of the Germans."

"It is not surprising then," he adds, "that foreign diplomats and journalists in Ankara ironically describe the Turkish-German rupture as a 'friendly' rupture."

"While German authorities in Berlin, according to Turkish offi-

cials who have arrived from that city, treated departing Turkish diplomats with scant ceremony, the Turks in Ankara presented the departing Germans with flowers and provided them with special comforts.

"Altogether different," the correspondent charges, "is the attitude of Turkish authorities toward those German nationals who do not want to return to Hitler's Germany."

"Cases are known of the Turkish police, acting on information supplied by German embassy and consular officials, forcibly seizing and placing in Germany—bound trains German citizens who, because they were anti-Hitler, had decided not to return to the fatherland."

Pravda's correspondent concludes: "Foreign journalistic circles in Ankara explain this curious state of affairs by saying that despite a formal rupture in relations, the Turks promised to Franz von Papen to observe until the end of the war the conditions of the German-Turkish treaty of friendship signed in June 18, 1941."

Allies Raid Adriatic Isle

ROME, Aug. 30 (UP).—Allied infantry and artillery, covered by British warships and planes of the Balkan air forces, made a commando-style attack on the Adriatic island of Korcula off the Yugoslav coast between Split and Dubrovnik Saturday night and inflicted losses upon enemy installations and troops, Allied headquarters disclosed today.

The landings were unopposed and once the mission of destruction had been accomplished, units which had gone ashore withdrew unopposed, an official announcement said.

Rocket-firing Hurricanes of the Balkan air forces knocked out enemy guns and set a large ammunition dump afire, while Spitfires flew cover for the operation.

The attack was under the command of Air Vice Marshal William Elliott of the Balkan Air Force, which was created especially to aid the patriot armies of resistance in the Balkans.

Allied guns opened fire on shore at 6 a.m. Sunday and as soon as return fire was raised from enemy positions, RAF rocket-firing Hurricanes went into action and "effectively engaged the enemy guns," the announcement said.

Korcula, lies along German sea supply lines in the eastern Adriatic, and has been the scene of frequent clashes between Axis occupation forces and Yugoslav partisan units.

Murray, Truman to Address State CIO

President Philip Murray and Senator Harry S. Truman are scheduled to be among the principal speakers before the New York State CIO convention at Saratoga Springs Sept. 7, 8 and 9, it was announced yesterday.

The convention at Grand Union Hotel will also hear Senator Robert F. Wagner and Sidney Hillman, chairman of the CIO's Political Action Committee. Political action and reconversion will be the two main topics before the delegates.

Marcantonio Foe Ruled Out of Race

The independent nominating petition of Lt. Robert C. Palmer, candidate for Congress in the 18th congressional district in Manhattan against Rep. Vito Marcantonio, was declared invalid by the Board of Elections yesterday.

With 3,000 signatures needed to qualify as an independent, Lt. Palmer's supporters filed 3,391, of which close to 2,000 were challenged by Rep. Marcantonio. About 900 were found to be defective by the Board, thus throwing out the petition. It was not known yesterday whether the Board's action would be contested in the courts.

Lt. Palmer was Rep. Marcantonio's GOP opponent in the recent primaries. Following his defeat, county GOP leaders, with the support of reactionary Democrats, decided to run Lt. Palmer as an independent.

The elimination of his petitions leaves the labor congressman without any opposition in the fall elections as he won the Democratic primary and had no opposition in the American Labor Party primary.

War Ballot Week in Queens

Organizations in Queens County engaged in the distribution of war ballot applications are redoubling their activity after Borough President James A. Burke's proclamation of War Ballot Week in Queens.

In officially designating War Ballot Week this week, Burke pointed out that only a little more than 16 percent of Queens residents in the armed forces have applied for the war ballot applications of the 100,000 servicemen and women, only 16,971 had applied as of Aug. 24. On the other hand, he said, the Bronx with a comparable borough population had 39,820 ballot applications.

"I ask every family in Queens to apply for war ballot applications for their men and women in service," Burke said.

He added there were 5,000 applications at Borough Hall in Kew Gardens which could be obtained by mail, telephone or in person.

200th Liberty Ship

SOUTH PORTLAND, Me., Aug. 30 (UP).—The 200th Liberty ship built at the New England Shipbuilding Corp. Yard was launched today.

L. A. Central Trades Votes Down Splitting Move; Endorses FDR

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—The Los Angeles Central Labor Council has turned thumbs down on a United AFL Committee recommendation which would have endorsed a Republican nominee for Congress while the rest of labor supported his Democratic opponent.

The central body's action indicated rejection also of a UAFL proposal to sever all political action contacts with CIO, although no formal vote was taken on this issue.

The vote was 175 to 125 to endorse Hal Styles, Democratic nominee in the 15th Congressional district, who beat John M. Costello, Dies Committee member, in the primaries.

Styles already had CIO and railway union backing but the UAFL endorsed County Supervisor Gordon McDonough, Republican candidate, and invited the central body to follow suit.

Delegates formally rejected the McDonough endorsement before they proceeded to a vote on Styles. Earlier, they endorsed Ned Healy, Democratic candidate in the 13th congressional district, against reactionary Republican Norris Poulson.

AFL political action endorsements

Gov't Union Acts For Racial Unity

The CIO United Federal Workers has established a Committee on Racial Unity which will direct anti-discrimination activities of the union's branches in Greater New York and northern New Jersey, it was announced yesterday.

John Harmon, an OPA attache who was named chairman, said the committee would fight "to keep racial and religious discrimination out of every phase of federal employment, including the promoting or dismissing of present employees as well as the hiring of new ones." The committee's campaign will be based on enforcement of the President's Executive Order 8802, barring discrimination.

The committee will hold a rally at the Abyssinian Baptist Church, 132 W. 138 St., Sept. 13, at 7:30 p.m. The meeting will be open to the public.

Besides Harmon, officers of the committee are Herman Winslow of the Brooklyn Navy Yard and T. Lombardi of the Naval Clothing Depot, vice-chairman; Harriet Rosenfeld of the Social Security Board, recording secretary, and Trudy Chaban of the Veterans Administration, corresponding secretary.

More Laud Army Anti-Bias Order

The War Department order prohibiting segregation in the use of post exchanges, government transportation, and Army motion picture facilities is "an important step forward in the fight to abolish discrimination," it was stated by the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, which commended President Roosevelt for the many steps he has taken toward the abolition of discrimination.

The NFCL also called upon all other organizations and citizens to send similar messages in support of the War Department order.

here now parallel those of CIO and rail unions as they did before the primaries in which sweeping victories were won by labor's choices.

Nine trade councils had separately rejected the UAFL recommendation before the central body meeting. These included the Hollywood Labor Committee for Political Action, representing the entire AFL studio labor movement, the Conference of Studio Unions, composed of 10 locals with a membership of 10,000, the big Aeronautical Lodge of the International Association of Machinists, the Musicians Union, the Building Service Employees, and the Long Beach and San Pedro central labor councils.

The L. A. Painters District Labor Council and the Long Beach Building Trades Council concurred in the UAFL recommendation to endorse the Republican and break with the CIO. Most of the bodies that rejected UAFL proposals also voted officially to continue relations with CIO.



"I GOTTA GO REGISTER"

Demands Break-up Of German Cartels

Germany's industrial monopolies must be broken up and destroyed, lest they menace the future peace of the world, Attorney General Francis Biddle declared on Monday as new hearings on cartels began.

before a Senate Military Affairs sub-committee.

The sub-committee is headed by Sen. Harley M. Kilgore (D-W. Va.) It is opening a new attack on the problem of cartels. Heretofore, cartels have been investigated from the viewpoint of how they broke American anti-trust laws. Now the Kilgore sub-committee is examining the war responsibility of these cartels, and sensational revelations are already being made.

The Attorney General declared that "as we approach the occupation of Germany, we will have to decide what is to be done with the great German monopolistic firms."

"After the last war," he said, "we did forget the relationship between Imperial German industry and the German government. This was a fatal error."

"Through techniques of industrial penetration," he continued, "the German cartels tried to cripple American production, to gain from our technical know-how, and to establish centers of propaganda throughout the world."

NAMES MONOPOLIES

Biddle revealed instance after instance of German monopolistic methods. Among them are:

1—Carl Zeiss, the German optical trust, got past a clause in the Ver-

sailles treaty, prohibiting the manufacture of military optical instruments, by using a subsidiary company in Holland. It also tied in with the American firm, Bausch and Lomb, and crippled our pre-war production.

2—The Krupp armament works, forced to destroy its equipment for military manufacture, made a deal with a Swedish firm and so evaded the Versailles treaty.

3—The German Steel Trust still functions in Argentina, operating a propaganda agency for 40 daily newspapers free of charge.

4—The German Dye Trust, by deals with duPont, the Aluminum Corp of America, and Standard Oil as far as back as 1929 succeeded in limiting American production of essential materials.

"The monopolistic firms of Germany have survived in that country through two wars and constitute a definite menace to the future peace of the world," Biddle said. "Therefore I propose that we break the power of German monopolistic firms."

While Biddle's proposals were rather vague, it was clear that only a decision by the great powers, when they write the peace treaty with Germany, can spike the war-making powers of German big business.

News Capsules

Fussy Little Giants

Here's what former newspaper photographer, Sammy Gold, now with the armed forces in India, has to say about the mosquitoes he's encountered there: "They're so big they fly down and turn our dog tags over to see what blood type we are."

Police yesterday questioned a soldier who was arrested on Friday morning a few hours before the body of Mrs. Phyllis Newmark was found near the Hayden Planetarium. The soldier, AWOL, was arrested by military police, in an intoxicated condition; his uniform was stained by blood and his face bore deep scratches.

At 7 a.m. yesterday, families living near the six-story loft building at 415 West Broadway in downtown New York were awakened by a roaring crash. The second, third and fourth floors of the building collapsed sending the sheet metal crashing on wine bottles stored on the ground floor. Three employees of the General Tinning Co. escaped uninjured down a staircase which remained intact.

Mrs. Louise Munn, 29, show girl, and estranged wife of socialite Charles A. Munn, Jr., was in Lenox Hill Hospital suffering from severe lacerations of the face and head and possible a concussion of the brain. She did not reveal the identity of her assailant, but admitted

she had been in a fight. The person who summoned a physician from the room in the Hotel Ambassador where the fight took place also remain unidentified. The room was listed in the name of M. L. Floyd.

Pleading guilty to 41 complaints charging OPA price violations, the Grifede Bros. food chain was fined \$1,025 in Yorkville Court by Magistrate Charles E. Hirschmaki. They failed to post price lists, and sold some items above ceiling prices.

At Newark, N. J., a federal grand jury indicted Salomon A. Van Gelder and Robert W. Carter, both of New York city on charges of conspiracy to defraud the government by diverting \$109,000 worth of chemicals from essential war purposes.

At Seattle, Wash., doctors performed a successfully appendectomy on Mrs. Theda Anna Carl, 24, who has been in an iron lung since Aug. 4, when she became victim of infantile paralysis. She was given oxygen while one section of the lung was lifted during the operation.

At Los Angeles, brush and forest fires blazed throughout Southern California, leaving hundreds homeless. The Red Cross reported 50 or 55 homes had been burned.

ALP Launches State Drive On Registration

A bang-up campaign on registration and enrollment in New York State is being planned by the American Labor Party, according to a memorandum sent this week to all upstate county officers by ALP state headquarters.

The memorandum includes a registration and enrollment schedule starting Sept. 1 and going through Oct. 21, the last day for registration upstate.

In New York City, the registration period is from Oct. 9 to 14.

PREPARING POSTERS

County leaders are informed that attractive registration and enrollment posters are being prepared by the state organization for distribution, immediately after Labor Day, in union halls, factories, store windows, buses and trolleys where possible. Leaflets will accompany the posters.

Local ALP organizations are requested to contact local newspapers and radio stations to urge them to print and broadcast material and remainders of registration. They are also urged to get in touch with all local unions to aid in the distribution of registration material and otherwise to coordinate activity along those lines.

RALLIES SUGGESTED

Large rallies are proposed for the eve of the registration period. These, says the memorandum, should be planned in cooperation with other community groups in a "total registration drives."

The memorandum stresses, however, that the most important single activity is "steady, persistent door-to-door canvassing."

State ALP headquarters announced yesterday opening of a branch office in Buffalo to push the election campaign and build the party in western New York.

FDR Awards Six Hero Medals

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UP).—President Roosevelt, in the largest ceremony of its kind since the war began, today awarded six Congressional medals of honor—two posthumously—for heroism.

The ceremony brought to 56 the number of Congressional honor medals awarded in this war to the Army and to 55 for the Navy, Coast Guard and Marine Corps.

One of the posthumous awards went to Marine 1st Lt. William D. Hawkins of El Paso, Tex., a hero of Tarawa. The medal was received by his mother. The other went to Marine 1st Lt. George F. Power of Worcester, Mass., who died in the battle for Namur Island in the Marshalls. His parents accepted the award.

HEROES PRESENT

The four Army heroes, who were present for the ceremony with their families were:

Second Lt. Arnold L. Bjorklund of Seattle, Wash., who distinguished himself in killing seven Germans and destroying two machine guns and a heavy mortar near Alta Villa, Italy.

Technical Sgt. Forrest L. Vossler of Livonia, N. Y., radio operator-air gunner who asked, although wounded, to be thrown out of his crippled Flying Fortress to lighten the plane while repelling enemy attacks over Bremen, Germany.

Staff Sgt. Jessie R. Dowley of Luzerne, Mich., who displayed extreme heroism last January in attacking a Japanese pillbox on Bougainville.

Pfc. William J. Johnson of Colechester, Conn., who held off two German counterattacks as a 15th infantry division machine gunner near Padiglioni, Italy, on the Anzio beachhead.

— Convention Review —

State AFL United On Roosevelt Victory

by Rose Wortis

The New York State AFL wrote an important page in the history of the labor movement at the 81st convention in Syracuse where by an almost unanimous vote it endorsed President Roosevelt.

Since New York is the largest state organization of the AFL, representing almost a fourth of AFL national membership, its action must of necessity influence the deliberations of the executive council now in session in Chicago.

The significance of the New York State Convention lies not only in its actions but in the general spirit which pervaded the delegates. It reflected the changes gradually taking place in the AFL nationally and in our state — changes that promise to transform the AFL from a conservative body dominated by a handful of shortsighted labor politicians to a vital, living, energetic organization speaking for millions of the most advanced workers in the State and nation.

Many delegates were younger than delegates to earlier conventions. Many came from the shops. They reflect the change that has come in the AFL with the recent growth and emergency of new leading forces in the locals and trade bodies.

This could be noted in the numerous resolutions coming from local unions dealing with a variety of subjects. Two-hundred and fifty were referred to the resolutions committee alone. It could be noted by the attendance and serious discussions at meetings of Convention committees—in the past considered a mere formality. But especially in the independent thinking of the delegates on basic issues such as the Roosevelt endorsement.

This independence is all the more evident when it is noted that president Thomas Murray, Edward McGarry, secretary of the resolutions committee and some of the leading lights of the executive council opposed the Roosevelt endorsement, which was almost unanimously adopted.

NO RED-BAITING

The changes were seen in the complete absence of red-baiting or CIO-baiting. As a matter of fact, many delegates barred from the central trades of New York for political reasons by the bureaucratic machine still in control there actively participated in the state convention.

The convention not only reaffirmed its pledge to continue and intensify its unbroken war production record but pledged to use its organized strength to guarantee that when the men and women return from the battlefronts they will find a better world.

Supporters of Hooverism, in its modern Dewey version, found few adherents at Syracuse save those who were won by juicy appointments. Dewey's message with the hypocritical slogan, "jobs not doles," had a hollow sound, and they didn't go for it.

Despite Dewey's maneuver of promising the leadership of the Federation construction contracts after the war and a favored position with the state administration as against the CIO, the pro-Roosevelt sentiment swept the convention like a tidal wave threatening to engulf all who stood in the way. This widespread sentiment compelled the leaders of the executive council to abandon their petty calculations and go along.

The pro-Roosevelt tide was further manifested at the state industrial conferences of machinists, teamsters, painters, hotel and restaurant, meat cutters, bakers, and others. Pro-Roosevelt resolutions came from such important central bodies in the state as Buffalo, Rochester, Jamestown and Utica as well as from numerous local unions and district councils.

The convention vote came after a crowded and tense session where, after a long debate, the opposition

FDR's Record, as State AFL Sees It

"... Since his induction into the office of President in 1933 to the present date, he has adhered to the policies of safeguarding human freedom and liberty and has brought about by legislative means many important laws for the protection of workers of our country. ... He has prepared the nation to fight in the war which was inevitably and cruelly forced upon it. ... Under his leadership, since the war began, our armed forces, in cooperation with our allies, are winning campaigns in all theaters of war which have brought final victory in sight. ... His leadership and experience are still essential to the nation in winning the war and winning the peace after the war. ..."—Excerpts from New York State Federation of Labor endorsement of President Roosevelt, adopted Aug. 23 at Syracuse convention.

could muster only seven votes, three from Dewey appointees—Vincent J. Ferris of the Liquor Commission, Henry O'Connell of the State Industrial Commission and Edward J. McGarry, chairman of the Board of Appeals of the State Unemployment Insurance Committee. Most significant is the fact that leadership at these sessions came from the teamsters and from upstate communities, where the Republican machine is still powerful. The fact that many upstate Republicans such as Edward Ackery, vice-president of the painters union; Emmanuel Kovalesky of the Hotel and Restaurant Union and others joined with Democrats in support of the President shows the nonpartisan character of the Roosevelt endorsement. Not a single resolution was received from any local in either New York or upstate for the endorsement of Dewey.

APPROVE KILGORE BILL

The Roosevelt endorsement was strengthened by adoption of a general program dealing with the needs of labor and the nation today and in the postwar period such as the approval of the Kilgore-Celler Bill which was implemented by concrete proposals for reconversion as it affects New York, the Murray-Wagner-Dingell Health Bill, a rounded-out housing program, slum clearance, reconstruction of the waterfront, airways, public works, etc.

A powerful blow for national unity was struck by the convention in the discussion and action on the Negro question which placed the New York organization far ahead of the national AFL. The opening speech by president Thomas Murray placed the convention squarely on record against the fomenters of race hatred. In a forthright denunciation of these enemies of the nation, Murray said:

"As part of this, we must fight every form of racial and social discrimination. Without mercy we must stamp out those who seek to split our ranks by setting Negro against white and Christian against Jew. I point to the recent costly transit strike in Philadelphia, a disgrace to those involved. Obviously it was inspired by one of the groups which I have mentioned, to destroy public confidence and faith in organized labor."

The state program included a point against racial discrimination. Resolutions reaffirming the principles of the FEPC, congratulations

With Lewis Beaten, TWU Spurs 3d Ave. Pact Parley

With John L. Lewis' bid for power defeated, the CIO Transport Workers Union announced yesterday that it would begin negotiations for a new contract with the Third Ave. Railway System within a week or 10 days. The TWU defeated Lewis' catch-all

While Congress Fiddles:

Reconversion Almost Here, Says Roosevelt

President Roosevelt has ordered an immediate general census of industry, wage, labor and other economic factors, observing that "the recent favorable development of the military situation" confronts the country with early reconversion. The country cannot wait for the regular biennial census of manufacture due next year, the President noted, because by that time "industry will probably be in the midst of reconversion."

The President said further in his letter ordering the census that reconversion is a "huge and intricate task requiring careful preparations."

In discussing his letter on the census the President was asked by reporters to comment on a statement by Chairman Robert Doughton of the Ways and Means Committee. Doughton said that there was "still a great deal of unnecessary excitement about the unemployment problem" and added that "we can cross that bridge when we come to it."

President Roosevelt replied that what we want is employment. If we have employment we won't have the problem of unemployment.

DISCARD PROPOSALS

Will Congress recognize that reconversion is a "huge and intricate task" of providing employment? Thus far, legislators who are responsible for a reconversion pro-

gram have thrown into the basket every proposal to prepare for reconversion or give it some coordinated direction. As matters stand reconversion legislation that has been passed or is favored for passage, covers only financial settlement on contracts and disposal of government surplus property. When the Kilgore-Murray-Truman Bill was killed, the whole idea of planning reconversion so as to keep up the high production and employment level achieved for the war was rejected. Also rejected was the idea that wage and high purchasing levels must be maintained as a base for a high level economy. Rejected was also the elementary provision of jobless payments more adequate than are now paid in states.

If the reactionary Republican-polltaxer bloc in Congress continues to have its way, the results of the census ordered by the President will be just nice records for future study by students of economy. But, if popular resentment and unity rises to a high enough point to force a change of attitude, the survey could prove to be a valuable source of information for the carrying out of a constructive reconversion program. That the problem is upon us was well stressed several days ago in the United Business Service forecast that there will be "close to 5,000,000 jobless within six months of the end of the war in Europe."

The New York labor movement, both AFL and CIO, can be justly proud of its contribution to the war. It occupies first place in the nation in its strict adherence to the no-strike pledge, its production record and its activity in all phases of war work. Since New York is the decisive state in the elections labor's responsibilities in helping to win the state for the President are greater than ever before.

RESPECT TOWARD CIO

The attempt of the Republican politicians, with the aid of the Social Democrats and their stooge, Philip Pearl, publicity director of the AFL, to artificially build antagonism against the CIO and PAC, proved a big flop. The convention showed a respectful attitude toward the CIO. Secretary-treasurer George Meany's remark that the CIO endorsed his statement on the rise of the cost of living as compared to wages was well received by the delegates. The only CIO-baiting smuggled into the discussion came from the Social Democrat Joseph Tuvim of the ILGWU. It fell flat.

The growing discrepancy between the top leadership and its affiliated organizations was dramatically expressed at the convention. If the New York State Federation of Labor is to fulfill its responsibility to the million and a half members, it must sooner or later—the sooner the better—recognize that old-timers, no matter how valuable their services may have been in the past, cannot monopolize the leadership. Younger men and women coming from the ranks, representing important organizations in the state must take their place in the leadership if the movement is to advance.

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The immediate problem before the AFL in New York is to translate the convention decisions into life.

One of the shortcomings of the convention was that it adopted no practical program for the mobilization of the membership for the election campaign. In view of what happened at the convention, this task certainly cannot be left to the executive council. A program for the election campaign must be worked out by affiliated unions without delay. This can be done on the basis of the recommendations of president Green that all AFL unions set up political action committees.

Roosevelt's election will be determined not by resolutions, important as they may be, but by hard day to day work in organizing the campaign for registration in every shop and on every job. The CIO registration campaign is already getting into swing. The AFL must follow suit.

Quill Association Holds Ball Oct. 7

The Michael J. Quill Association is holding its first annual ball on Oct. 7, in the Grand Ballroom of the Concourse Plaza Hotel, it is announced by John P. O'Donnel, president of the association.

Tickets (price \$1.20) and advertising agreements for a souvenir journal are available from the association at 2488 G and Concourse.

District 50 in a State Labor Relations Board poll of Third Ave. workers Tuesday by 3 to 1, or 3,118 to 722. There were 3,256 eligible. The TWU has had contracts with the company since June, 1937.

"We have dealt Lewis and his anti-Roosevelt, anti-war policies a body blow," Councilman Michael Quill told several hundred rejoicing Transport Workers Union members after the tally was completed. "Now we can proceed with our business, negotiate our new contract and go forward to further victories."

He called upon the membership to abide by the ballot and "let time take care of the three wreckers"—Philip Davis, Maurice Greaney and Thomas Keane, TWU leaders in the Third Ave., who sought paid jobs for themselves in the union, then called in Lewis to raid the shop when they were refused.

MEANING OF VICTORY

Douglas MacMahon, TWU Local 100 president, told the crowd that the victory represented much more than was realized. "Lewis stands against the President and against the war effort," he said. "He was out to disrupt the New York CIO, which is united behind both. By preventing him from getting a foothold in New York, we have rung up a big victory."

Lewis, once a hero to New York's labor movement, now has hardly any membership here at all. District 50, which flourished when he was president of the CIO, seceded in a body when the CIO Gas, Coke and Chemical Workers was formed. All that remains with the mine chief is the Vadsco Drug Co., Queens, employing 200; Vulcan Proofing Co., Bay Ridge, employing approximately 300, and West Disinfecting Co., Queens, employing about 150.

District 50 is currently fighting Gas, Coke and Chemical at Park Drug Co., Manhattan, where the CIO union has a contract. Two years ago, in an election there called by the Lewis outfit, District 50 rang up a record by receiving no votes at all.

A drive by Lewis to take custodial employees of the school system from the AFL collapsed recently after a strike failed.

Set NLRB Poll at Douglas Aircraft

LOS ANGELES, Aug. 30.—Douglas Aircraft Corp. has agreed to a consent election at its Santa Monica plant, where both the CIO United Auto Workers and the AFL International Association of Machinists have long conducted organizing campaigns.

A new election is being set on petition of the UAW. An earlier poll in which 18,000 were eligible gave the majority to "no union" in a run-off after the UAW had eliminated the IAM. The plant has been hit by heavy lay-offs since then.

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THEATER OF DEATH



Dumbarton Oaks vs. Dittmar

THE first public report from the Dumbarton Oaks meeting is good. Agreement has been reached on a council of the "big four" which will include several other smaller nations. An assembly of all peace-loving sovereign nations will be formed. "Effective means for the peaceful settlement of disputes, including an international court," are provided.

It is now plain that the United States, the Soviet Union and Great Britain are definitely overcoming whatever differences existed on the mechanism of a world organization. Thomas E. Dewey's unscrupulous demagoguery on behalf of the small nations has been exploded. The conference now continues to discuss just how force will be applied to nip any future aggressor in the bud, and we can be confident that the American, Soviet and British delegates are capable of reaching agreement on that too.

But, as the President declared on Tuesday, popular support for the conference aims is now more than ever needed. On this same day, the Nazi radio general, Kurt Dittmar, began to put out open feelers for a negotiated peace. The hot breath of the United Nations is beginning to send shivers down the spines of the German criminals; they are whining, and the cue will undoubtedly be taken up by all the friends of the Nazis, in the most reactionary wing of the GOP, in the Hearst-McCormick-Patterson newspaper chains and the Norman Thomas Socialists.

This is the moment, therefore, to back up the Dumbarton Oaks progress, as the President urged. Labor and all popular organizations should greet the results thus far achieved, and help clarify the nation further on the significance of this meeting.

Low Even for the GOP

THE bankruptcy of GOP leadership was graphically illustrated by the Dewey campaign speeches of Governors Warren, Green and Baldwin over the air Tuesday.

The speeches were an insult to the intelligence of the American people. In this heroic period of world history when American leadership is fated to play a major part in shaping the course of human society, these petty demagogues pitched their plea for the election of a presidential candidate on the miserable notes of red-baiting, machine politics and the administration of New York compensation laws.

They picked an unfortunate day—for them—for that kind of speech-making. At Dumbarton Oaks, the three great powers announced agreement on the form of a world security organization. Try and find in the three speeches a word concerning the Republican attitude on that crucial issue.

In Congress the debate on reconversion, involving the future of American economy, was coming to a head. Not a syllable on that issue will you find in the Dewey campaign addresses.

On that day, too, Gifford Pinchot, for eight years a Republican governor of Pennsylvania, threw his support to President Roosevelt as the man who can best lead America in the solution of these gigantic problems.

Lewis Invasion Blows Up

JOHAN L. LEWIS' invasion of New York blew up Tuesday night when ballots of Third Ave. Railway system employees routed his so-called organizers by a three to one vote for the CIO's Transport Workers Union. Aided by a group of Coughlinites among the company's employees who have long been fifth columnists for Lewis, District 50 sought to develop a beachhead in the city. The significance of the result goes far beyond the collective bargaining interest of the 3,150 workers. Lewis sought to muscle into New York to bring disunity in labor ranks and chaos in labor-management relations. It was part of his effort to disrupt the almost unanimous support of this city's organized workers for Roosevelt.

The result is a great tribute to the leaders of the TWU, who have shown statesmanship and skill in handling the situation. They headed off an effort to repeat in New York the disgraceful events that shamed Philadelphia.

President Michael Quill and his associates prove once more that the overwhelming majority of Irish American workers will have no part of Lewis, "Christian" Frontism or any other defeatism. The victory gives evidence of the solid base the TWU has built among the transport workers—a base from which it can go forward to organize all unorganized areas in its field.

— They're Saying in Washington —

Labor's Stake in Reconversion

by Adam Lapin

WASHINGTON, D. C. **O**NE of the favorite clichés of anti-labor columnists ranging from Westbrook Pegler to the more respectable hatchet-men like Frank Kent and David Lawrence is that we have a labor government in Washington. Millions of newspaper readers have been told again and again that a nod from Philip Murray or Sidney Hillman or Bill Green is a command to the White House or to any cabinet officer.



Unfortunately it is a demonstrable fact that labor's influence in the conduct of the war production program has been all too limited. Labor did play a role in promoting policies which were later adopted. It pioneered, for example, in pressing for all-out conversion to war production. And, of course, the unions played a tremendous role in boosting production in the war plants of the nation. But labor did not succeed in winning substantial representation in war agencies, in exerting a steady, all-year-round influence on the policies of war mobilization.

Dollar-a-Year Men Create Difficulty

Labor's initial difficulty was due primarily to resistance from hide-bound officials and from dollar-a-year men resentful of "interference" by the unions. Later, real opportunities developed for representation. They were not always followed up. The most competent people were not always picked to speak for labor in government agencies. Even some of the most progressive unions underestimated the importance of labor representation.

Sometimes there was a tendency to announce a splendid 10 or 11-point program, and let it go at that without follow-up. But the most stultifying factor was the lack of labor unity. It was extremely difficult to appoint labor representatives because of the CIO-AFL rivalry. There is the absurdity of two labor vice-chairmen, one from the CIO and one from the AFL, with a fine

line down the middle dividing their duties and functions. Needless to say, neither is very effective.

All this is ancient history. But it is pertinent to the current problem of reconversion. Labor is at a disadvantage in exerting its full weight for adequate reconversion because it did not win its battle for representation in war agencies like WPB which are now involved in handling the change-over to civilian production.

Army's Random Cutback Policy

As I tried to point out in my last column, Army procurement officials are still resisting a planned approach to cutbacks and reconversion. They generally tend to disregard manpower and similar considerations, and make cutbacks at random. This problem is essentially one of policy, of an over-all program. Whether or not it will be solved will depend pretty much on what labor does about it.

Some unions have done effective work in meeting with employers to work out the reconversion of a particular plant. The St. Louis conference called by the United Electrical and Radio Workers and attended by businessmen and civic leaders as well as by labor people appears to be a model of community discussion of the reconversion problem.

Labor has had an effect on national policy in some specific situations. The dramatic protests that followed the Brewster fiasco were heeded to a degree in government agencies. But, as one union official put it to me, there are now lots of quiet Brewsters. Cutbacks are still made without planning and without sufficient

notice to labor and management. Despite all the shortcomings of the campaign for the Kilgore bill, it did at least have the virtue of stimulating public discussion on the reconversion problem. If labor didn't succeed in solving any problems, it at least succeeded in calling attention to them.

Division Still Main Weakness

But by and large labor is still on the outside looking in when it comes to the development of national plans to cope with reconversion. And, as in the case of war production, the underlying reason is the lack of labor unity. Consider the effect, for example, if the CIO and AFL jointly advocated a specific reconversion program and jointly battled for it before the agencies.

Reconversion itself is only a phase of the larger problem of planning for jobs and full production. But reconversion is so important because it will help set the basic pattern for many years to come. And the question of labor's voice in reconversion thus has tremendous implications for the future.

Labor will have a voice if it is united. But instead of trying to create unity, William Green issued orders to AFL representatives not to confer with CIO spokesmen on reconversion legislation, and Philip Pearl in the AFL clip sheet blamed the defeat of the Kilgore bill not on the Republican-politaxer coalition but on the CIO. This is a time when labor has a real opportunity to influence the future. It is also a time when petty and short-sighted men can do incalculable damage—unless they are called to task.

Worth Repeating

LISA SERGIO, speaking over station WQXR, Aug. 28: The post-liberation battle of Paris is the striking evidence that the enemy is international, that the enemy force is made up of individuals tied by a common subhuman ideology. . . . For the French, as for all the people of Europe who know that the Germans overran their respective countries only because native traitors had let them in, the war does not end when the Germans are out. It will end only when the native Fascists who betrayed their own people are exterminated.

Today's Guest Column

WHAT about the future of Italy's former colonial empire in Africa? Ever since the Axis forces were driven out of Africa, a variety of proposals have been heard from as many different sources. The most recent statement on the question, that of Count Carlo Sforza on Aug. 20, merits attention inasmuch as it was made by a prominent member of the present Italian coalition government in the course of a speech defining the new Italy's foreign policy.



Except for the reference to colonies, the statement of policy was one with which all true sons and friends of Italy will be in general agreement. Count Sforza urged close collaboration of his country with all the principal allies; he defined the role of Anglo-American occupation in Italy as that of liberators rather than invaders; he denounced Mussolini's attack on both Greece and Ethiopia as having been "in defiance of international law and our own interest."

On the question of Libya, Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, Count Sforza maintained his previously expressed views that Italy should retain possession of these territories. If this were not possible, then he proposed that not only Italian but all African colonies be "internationalized" or that a form of Afri-

by **Alphaeus Hunton**
(Pinchhitting for Max Yergan)

can "citizenship" be established in all the colonies.

NOT having the text of the speech, we are not sure just what these alternative proposals mean. But it is clear that the intention behind them is as though the Count had said: "Italy is an ally, not an enemy, of the United Nations. She must not be penalized for Mussolini's crimes by having her colonies taken away, as were Germany's after the last war. However, if the other colonial powers in Africa are willing to yield their imperial prerogatives in the interest of some more progressive scheme of government for the Africans, Italy is ready to join them."

While we commend this expressed readiness to cooperate in providing for Africa some substitute for the customary imperialist rivalries there, it is regrettable that the Italian leader in effect negated this by stressing Italy's retention of her colonies. Like Churchill's well-known statements insisting upon the status quo for the British empire, Count Sforza's remarks about the Italian colonies point backward instead of forward; they promote doubts and dissension at a time when there is the utmost need for unity of aim and effort among the peoples of every nationality, race and color.

Italian Colonies And World Security

A LARGE section of the British public, while praising Churchill as a war leader, differs from him in his empire views. It is also clear that all Italians do not think along Sforza's line on the matter of colonies. Last October Dr. Eugenio Reale, secretary of the Communist Party in the Naples area, said his party was opposed to colonies in principle and that freedom of exchange of trade was the fundamental issue to be considered. Three months ago, six eminent Italian expatriates, including G. A. Borgese, Gaetano Salvemini and Arturo Toscanini, issued a manifesto in which they declared:

"We expect therefore that Italy in a world to come would not conspire or clamor for even a partial restoration of her African empire, with the clear understanding that also the other colonial empires should be put under a supernational authority. Italy will also do her part in making the world aware that this sequel of wars will not end unless colonial imperialism is finally ruled out. As Africa is not Italian, neither is she French, Belgian, Portuguese, nor Spanish, nor British. She belongs to her native peoples."

Yes, Africa's native peoples are vitally concerned about what will be done with Italy's colonies. Ethiopia, hemmed in by Eritrea and Italian Somaliland, as well as by British and French possessions, demands a restoration of part of its former domain so that it may have an outlet to the sea and more ready access to the world's trade.

Views On Labor News

THE CIO has been frequently a focal point for concentrated anti-labor attacks from every sewer of reaction in this immense country of ours. But it seems doubtful if any of the periodic rampages compare to the present one. They certainly never dug so deeply and recklessly into mud as they do today.

The daily shower of dirt, deceit and confusion from the Peglers, Sokolskys, Lawrences and columns of the Patterson - Hearst - McCormick axis, is quite understandable. Red - baiting and sniping against labor, particularly against the CIO, are mixed with the very ink that prints them. Many millions of newspaper readers are as accustomed to this as to anti-Roosevelt sniping and take it all as a matter of course. It generally slips off like water off a duck's back as Roosevelt and other elections have shown.

But today, trailing close behind these poison-spreaders is a "laborite" brigade. The extent to which men, ostensibly engaged in presenting labor's viewpoint, can lend themselves to reaction, is amazing. Phil Pearl, publicity director of the AFL, begins his current column in the AFL weekly news letter with: "Perhaps you would like to know the strongest anti-labor force in America today,



by **George Morris**

It is the CIO Political Action Committee."

This is the column that press associations sent papers from coast to coast. It was eagerly gobbled up and featured. What could be sweeter than to have such words come from a spokesman of labor?

THE New York Post is a pro-Roosevelt paper. Its labor columnist, Victor Riesel, is a mouthpiece for the David Dubinsky group in the AFL. Day after day Riesel yelps at PAC and its leaders. The sole object of his column is to sow division within PAC and discord in the pro-Roosevelt camp.

What on earth are these people up to? They know who benefits from such talk. They know perfectly well that the drive against the CIO is an effort to weaken labor's influence in the election. They also know that both CIO and AFL labor is overwhelmingly for Roosevelt.

There is no sense kidding ourselves. These "laborite" poison-spreaders are really sounding off for groups within the AFL. Pearl works not for the AFL as a whole but for the minority on its council led by William Hutcheson and Matthew Woll. David Dubinsky, despite endorsement of Roosevelt, has hardly moved to get his union into motion for the President. More than three-quarters of the ILGWU's 315,000 members are in de-

Brownell Appreciates Help From Dubinsky and Pearl

cisive New York, Pennsylvania and Illinois. Nearly half is in New York City. We remember some previous campaigns when Dubinsky really had his heart in them. There is nothing like it in evidence now. Incidentally, Chairman Brownell of the Republican National Committee is issuing public statements quite complimentary to Dubinsky, especially in appreciation of his anti-PAC attacks.

MANY reporters hang around the Washington AFL office in wait for pearls from Phil Pearl, because anti-Roosevelt strategy calls first of all for splitting of labor and weakening of its influence in the election. Republicans know that for every labor vote for Dewey that is kept from registering, at least three are lost to Roosevelt. Anti-Roosevelt forces are all the more anxious to demoralize labor's get-out-the-vote drive because the AFL, too, has now decided to launch a political action drive.

The Republicans know well that their frontal attacks upon labor for participating actively in the election have little if any effect. Their only hope is to find fifth column help from within. They use everything they could get from the Pearls and Dubinskys. Even some remarks from a couple of members in a CIO local of a Utah mining town hit the front pages in newspapers with many millions of readers. Brownell appreciates the services of a Phil Pearl.

Seniority Status of Women and Negroes

By **ELIZABETH LAWSON**

(Instructor in Political Economy, Jefferson School of Social Science)

Some weeks ago there took place in the Jefferson School of Social Science an intensive course on the problems of reconversion and post-war economy. At one of the sessions, students, broached a matter of great theoretical and practical importance to our trade union movement. During the discussion, it became obvious that opinion on this question, even among progressive trade unionists, is sharply divided. It also became clear that no trade union has as yet formulated a clear answer, although an answer is immediately imperative.

The problem which evoked heated discussion and division of opinion among both students and instructors, was as follows:

If, when cutbacks occur, the unions insist upon a program of unconditional and unmodified seniority, women and Negroes will be—with few exceptions—the first to lose their jobs.

The question, then, is: Should the unions make some modification of the seniority principle, perhaps putting cutback layoffs on a "percentage" basis or draw-

ing upon a double list of employees?

Some of the teachers and students felt strongly that any modification of seniority would undermine the unions, would act as an entering wedge for anti-union elements among employers. They believe the only safe course for the unions is to adhere to seniority in the most uncompromising manner.

ANOTHER VIEW

Others of the class—among them myself—believe that some modification of seniority is necessary and desirable. We presented the following reasons:

1. Granting that we must strive for full employment during reconversion and after the war, and with full faith that the plan can be achieved; granting that any program for women and Negroes is not worth the paper it is written on unless it is predicated on the assumption that we are going to have full employment—yet it is certain that some dislocation is bound to occur during the period of transition until such a plan for peacetime is actually in operation.

2. First, as to women: We know women's magazines, women's pages of newspapers, the movies and the

radio, are already firing a barrage of propaganda whose aim is to drive women out of industry and back to the kitchen. Propaganda of this kind can be expected to increase in volume. Already someone has suggested a federal law to forbid any married woman holding a job.

Now, of course, no one will insist on any women's remaining in industry if she doesn't wish to; but she would certainly be free to remain if she does wish to, to use her best skills, and to receive equal wages. At the same time, I don't think we can take a wholly impartial attitude to the question of women's participation in productive labor. Let's remember that the emancipation of women is chiefly dependent on their introduction into industry.

QUESTION OF NEGROES

3. I think everyone will grant that the question of the Negro in industry is far more explosive a problem than that of women. Some women will leave industry for valid reasons, such as having children; others may be wrongly persuaded that it is their patriotic duty to the veterans to stop working. But certainly no one is going to persuade the Negro people

to any such course. Having entered industry in larger numbers (and the numbers are still far too small): having been upgraded to higher skills (and the upgrading is still the exception rather than the rule), the Negro people are determined to maintain and to enlarge the place they have won.

4. If, however, strict seniority is observed, the Negroes and the women, who were in most cases the last hired, will be the first fired.

5. The result will be to freeze into postwar industry the discrimination of prewar industrial life—and to do it in the name of trade unionism!

7. The problems of women and of Negroes are special problems requiring special measures for solution. If we apply seniority rules "impartially," the result must be discrimination. Some special measures must therefore be worked out by the unions in regard to the postwar employment of women and Negroes.

This was the sentiment of about half of our students and about half of our instructors. We lay the question before the readers of the trade union and labor press for further discussion.

Listen Here,



Mr. Editor

Telling Farmers

About Unions

Deerbrook, Wis.

Editor, Daily Worker:

The farmers are not very well informed, and particularly about the unions. This is because they only hear the anti-union side. There must be some way that this could be changed; it is important that a beginning be made during the elections. Places like this and other rural towns and communities are shut off from newspapers except of a narrow Republican brand. One thing that labor and progressive organizations should do is find a way to break through this wall built up against them.

FARMER.

Why Not Labor Ditties?

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

I note with interest that Mike Gold doesn't like advertising ditties on the radio. Where I see it from, I want to ask: Wouldn't it be good to understand the tired American worker and use more simple ditties and less page-long harangues in a lot of labor discussion and labor writing? If the Daily News can sell poison through brief, brisk tabloid stuff then the truth can be told in an appealing reading way, too. How about it?

A. R.

Questioning Willkie

Boston, Mass.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Why doesn't Wendell Willkie make his position clear on the presidential race? He has deflated Thomas Dewey, there is no doubt, but his big historical job is to come out four-square for the President. Right?

JAY B.

Soviet Farms And the War

Philadelphia, Pa.

Editor, Daily Worker:

In the issue of the Magazine section of the Sunday Worker of August 27, 1944, on Page 10 there is a pamphlet Soviet Farms and the War advertised. I would like to get hold of one or more but failed to note where to write for same as I do not know the address of the National Council of American Soviet Friendship.

JOSEPH R.

[Ed. Note: The pamphlet will be out in two weeks, and is published by the National Council of Soviet American Friendship, 232 Madison Ave., New York, N.Y.]

How About Knutson?

Wadena, Minn.

Editor, Daily Worker:

Now that La Luce was so ably cared for—issue of 13th—it would be a splendid follow up to expose Harold Knutson of the Sixth Minn. Congressional District. Of course he will be returned for he has pro-Nazi, pro-Hoover and anti-Hoover support.

Nevertheless he could be exposed with profit to general information.

J. L. E.

Termite—Terminus

Buffalo, N. Y.

Editor, Daily Worker:

So Pegler is going to Hearst! That's a case where that termite has reached the right terminus.

TOM DALY.

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the freest discussion, please limit letters to 300 words.

Our Correspondent Sees Ghastly Evidence Of Nazi Mass Murder Factories at Lublin

By JOHN GIBBONS

First of Two Articles
Special to the Daily Worker

LUBLIN, Poland, Aug. 30.—Here in Lublin I have seen sights so horrible that even now as I write this, almost within a stone's throw of heaps of charred skeletons and decomposing corpses, I can scarcely believe what I saw only a few hours ago.

I will relate the details exactly in the order that I saw them beginning with Sunday morning.

The place: Maidanen Camp just outside Lublin on the right hand side of the main road leading to Chelm.

This camp occupies an area of 30 square miles, surrounded by barbed wire and contains 133 low wooden sheds.

Rows of barbed wire surround numerous wooden shelters for machine gunners. They tower over the wire at intervals of 200 yards and lead grimly to the camp. Ominous in appearance, as I drew up to the camp entrance, the phrase "Abandon Hope All Ye Who Enter Here" came to mind.

"CYCLONE" SHOWERS

Just beyond the entrance is the first of low wooden sheds or barracks with the

inscription "bath house" over the door. At a first glance there is nothing out of the ordinary in this bath house apart from the fact it contains dozens of showers.

A door leads to the inner end of this bath house to a second chamber the same size and form and in this chamber, bathers emerged corpses. It was here that they were asphyxiated with "Cyclone" crystals which poured through a number of apertures in the roof. Used as a disinfectant, "Cyclone" comes in contact with oxygen and diffuses the "right" quantities of deadly poison.

Altogether I examined four of these "Cyclone" chambers. Adjacent to these are two similar chambers with piles leading in from outside and with small peepholes in the walls. Here people poisoned by carbon monoxide were stored in long narrow cylinders which, linked to piles, allowed carbon monoxide to flow into the chambers. Peepholes enabled the murderers to gloat over their agonized victims.

On the steel doors of the "monoxide" chambers I read the name of the manufacturer—"Avert Firm—Berlin."

These six chambers "accommodated" 2,000 victims at a time and they worked at full pressure day and night.

Not far from the gas chambers are the "crematoriums," two rectangular brick buildings with five furnaces each. These furnaces consumed the bodies—the asphyxiated, shot, hanged, poisoned and drowned, or those who died from torture.

STENCH OF CORPSES

Sunday morning as I stood at the doors of these furnaces, I had to cover my mouth and nose with a handkerchief to allay the terrible stench of corpses.

A burnt-out building which served as a corpse storehouse for the crematoriums was filled with scores of partly-burned bodies that had been abandoned when German "cremators" fled in panic from Lublin. Inside, the furnaces were covered with charred bones and human ashes.

Characteristic of German "methodicalness" and thoroughness, I saw there in front of fire boxes many bodies that had been severed at knees, at the trunk and head in order to facilitate the business of putting them into the fireboxes. The temperature of an

ordinary crematorium is 1,500 degrees centigrade. The temperature of these extraordinary furnaces were forced up to 1,700. This forcing up of the temperature often caused the iron doors of the firebox to melt—the effect of terrific heat made the ironwork in silica brick plainly visible.

The bodies were reduced to ashes in 15 minutes. Working day and night without let up, the furnaces consumed 1,400 bodies every 24 hours.

BONES FOR FERTILIZER

Before leaving the furnaces, I came to the place occupied by high, wide and very long ridges. These ridges were formed by wheeling away from the furnaces the piles of human ashes and fragments of bones. Professor Prosorovsky, eminent Moscow pathologist, who accompanied me picked up fragments and showed me finger bones, pieces of forearm and so on.

These human ash and bone ridges were used by the Gestapo as fertilizer for the gardens cultivated by the personnel of the camp. Alongside the ridges, are acres of vegetable gardens. To verify the fact that the Gestapo manured their gardens with human bones, I pulled up several cabbage heads and turnips and each time numerous particles of bones came up with the clay.

The 1,400 bodies a day consumed by the furnaces was too slow a process for the Germans. So things were speeded up by digging huge trenches, very deep, into which bodies were placed separated by layers of wood. This was all sprinkled with gasoline and the bodies disposed of by such supplementary means. These pits are now open. The sides are piled high with hundreds of charred skeletons.

(Continued tomorrow)

Says Brazil War Chief Plots With Argentine

MEXICO CITY, Aug. 30.—Commenting on the resignation of Brazilian Foreign Minister Oswaldo Aranha, Vicente Lombardo Toledano, president of the Confederation of Latin American Workers (TAL), warned today that Gen. Enrico Gaspar Dutra, Brazil's War Minister, is plotting with the Argentine Colonels' Lodge (GOU) to eliminate democrats from the government and establish a "totalitarian, aggressive, electrical dictatorship."

Toledano revealed that during a visit with Aranha in March, the latter told him: "I hope that as soon as the war is over President Getulio Vargas will convoke general free elections. But if he doesn't I will resign."

Speaking at a CTAL meeting the day before, in honor of Uruguay's independence day, Toledano declared that all the Americas support "Uruguay's exemplary democracy" and its drive against the Argentine GOU, which he said was menacing all the nations of Latin America.

"The Argentine fascist regime is now making extensive plans to de-

stroy the democratic government of Uruguay and to alter the democratic life of the hemisphere," he stated.

Moreschi Revokes Pittsburgh Charter

CHICAGO, Aug. 30.—Joseph Moreschi, general president of the AFL Hod Carriers, Building and Common Laborers International, has revoked the charter of Pittsburgh Local 1058 because it "refused to comply with an order" to surrender its books to an international representative.

Moreschi is out on bail on a Federal indictment charging complicity in a larceny case in Washington, D. C.

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Let 'er Roll

The state executive board of the Michigan CPA has decided to undertake a drive for 2,000 new readers for the Worker by Nov. 7. This decision was based upon, 1) the necessity of clarifying the fundamental issues in the '44 elections among win - the - war forces in the state and help win Michigan for Roosevelt; and, 2) the urgency of bringing to the workers in this mighty center of war production, a basic understanding of the problems of reconversion and the outlook for post-war economic security.

How does the district propose to get these readers?

First, through concentrated effort to gain hundreds of subscribers in plants in Detroit and other cities.

Recently, several meetings were held with Worker readers in some of the Ford buildings, for example, where close to 500 Worker subs were pledged. A group of readers in the Plymouth plant decided to get 100 subs. One reader out of each group contacted, was given the responsibility for assuring the accepted quota. The state CPA leadership assigned one active worker to follow up the Worker drive in these and other plants.

Secondly, through mobilizing club members to take five or more Workers each week for sale among fellow workers in shops or communities. These papers will be sent directly by the Daily Worker to the homes of these members, who pay for four weeks issues of The Worker in advance. An example of how effective this method can prove was given by the Fred Douglass Club of Detroit, when, at a meeting of 13 members of a press committee set up by the club executive board, 12 agreed to take five copies of The Worker each week, and paid for advance bundles on the spot.

Other proposed methods are:

1. To increase the community club bundle orders weekly.
2. To place The Worker on sale in selected stores in residential communities.
3. To canvass club members for subs.

The plans for the drive are good but it must be recognized that serious obstacles will have to be overcome, and a more determined effort made, if the drive is to succeed. First of all, there must be consistent organized direction and guidance from the state center itself on every phase of the drive. The state press committee which has just been set up under the leadership of the State Secretary must function actively. Lists of Worker readers, and of expired subscriptions must be sent regularly to the clubs, and contact with these readers should be systematically developed.

In the clubs, press committees, non-existent until now, will have to be set up, and close contact with these committees be maintained by the state press committee. In every club the responsibility of the executive secretary and the executive board for the circulation of the paper will have to be established so that the club as a whole will understand the vital role of the press in daily CPA work. Much can be done at the September quarterly meetings to stimulate the drive and obtain the participation of large numbers of club members.

Urges Scrapping Surplus Warplanes

CHICAGO, Aug. 30 (UP).—Robert A. Lovett, Assistant Secretary of War for Air, told the National Association of Broadcasters at its executives' war conference that surplus aircraft in America must be "purposefully and unemotionally" scrapped or salvaged after the present war in order to insure aviation's progress.



Spanish Here Hail USSR Anti-Franco Call

"Thousands upon thousands of Spaniards today are waiting eagerly to answer the call for a national insurrection to smash the Falangist assassins," the Voice of Fighting Spain, Spanish-American radio program here, declared last night in response to the Moscow radio, appeal to the Spanish people Tuesday.

The Voice of Fighting Spain broadcasts here every night except Sunday at from 8-8:30 on station WBYN, 1430 kc.

The Moscow radio called upon Spaniards to oust Gen. Francisco Franco's regime and break with Germany, according to the Federal Communications Commission.

"The Spanish people should know the danger that might fall on their country by sheltering the remains of fascism," the Soviet broadcast said. If they break with fascism, it added, they can "gain a place for Spain among the democratic and freedom loving nations."

"These words," the Voice of Fighting Spain commented, "coming from the country which consistently helped the cause of the Spanish people, and which, together with Mexico, has never recognized the bloody Franco regime, will constitute a tremendous stimulus to the united struggle of the Spanish people for their independence."

"Local struggles which have been taking place in Spain without interruption now will soon become a national struggle. The anti-Franco forces today have a well-learned, united organization, spread all over Spain. This is the Junta Suprema de Unidad Nacional (Supreme Council of National Unity)."

"The call from Moscow will not remain unanswered."

TWO IMPLICATIONS

The Moscow broadcast beamed to Spain was seen here to have two important implications:

1. The Soviet Union intends to take full advantage of Germany's loss of one satellite after another and to encourage anti-Axis revolts everywhere.
2. The Soviet Union openly differs from Great Britain's position

of accepting Spanish "neutrality," as expressed by Prime Minister Churchill's recent "kindly words" to Spain.

A PEOPLE'S TASK

The Moscow broadcast charged that Franco is a "willing host for all fascists who are trying to escape the people's justice," and has provided refuge to French fascists, Vichyites and Gestapo agents. Six German ships, it revealed, have taken shelter in the Spanish port of Pasajes, near the French border.

"It is the immediate task of the Spanish people to prevent new fascists from coming into the country and to expel from it the German and Italian fascists who for a long time have been in business in Spain," the Moscow radio urged. "Naturally, to expel the Hitlerites and fascists from Spain, they must first expel those who open the gates of the country to them."

"At present the complicity and friendly relations that Franco maintains with Germany may lead to deciding the fate of the country. Germany is crumbling militarily and politically. It is now time to break off with Germany."

"The people of Spain can do what Franco and the Falange are unable to do."

Although officers of the newly-formed American Committee for Spanish Freedom were not available for comment yesterday, it recently declared that "Franco is our enemy. We must cease treating him as a friend."

The committee, headed by Bishop Lewis O. Hartman of Boston, is backing Congressman John Coffee's House Resolution 600 urging that the United States break diplomatic relations with Franco and extend lend-lease to the anti-Franco, anti-Axis underground.

Truman Opens Campaign Today

LAMAR, Mo., Aug. 30 (UP).—U. S. Senator Harry S. Truman, who climbed in a decade from a county court judgeship to his party's vice-presidential nomination, returns to the town of his birth tomorrow night to launch the Democratic fourth term campaign.

Unusual significance was placed on Truman's acceptance speech, to be broadcast tomorrow night over the four national networks from this small southwest Missouri town. Because the President has indicated he will have little time for politics in the usual sense of the word, the burden of campaign fireworks was left to the vice presidential nominee.

Truman indicated that his speech would "stick to the facts."

Sen. Truman, who gained prominence through his work as chairman of the Senatorial War Investigating Committee, will receive formal notification of his nomination from U. S. Sen. Tom Connally of Texas. Connally will speak five minutes.

Party leaders from the Midwest and South descended on Lamar today, mingling with farmers from southwestern Missouri in for the "big day" and city dwellers who jammed available busses and trains to be on hand. More than a dozen U. S. Senators were in the Truman party.

Camp Beacon Will Hear Gurley Flynn

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, vice-president of the CPA, is going to help the guests at Camp Beacon celebrate Labor Day. This outstanding Irish-American labor leader, whose record of activity is part of the tradition of the American labor movement, will be the guest speaker at Beacon this holiday week-end.

But the program will not be all speeches. The social staff, under the direction of Jack De Merchant, popular tenor, has prepared a whole series of events, including the singing and acting of Laura Duncan, the comedy of Billy Rollo and the dancing of Elsa Freed, a variety show that rates tops, and a major film showing.

There will also be dancing to Allen Nurse and his Decca recording orchestra, as well as sports activities.

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Bill Mardo

The team was driving hard for the first four, and with a man on base the skipper was taking no chances. "Lay one down," he growled as Percentage Patsy reached for his shillalah.

"How ya gonna dump one in this Hogan's brickyard?" the Daniel Webster muttered as he left the dugout to take his cut. Patsy kicked a few pebbles away from the platter with his brogan and told Jesse ames that the flea-box needed a new manicurist.

Blind Tom gabbed, "What's the difference, you're strictly a ten-o'clock hitter anyway." Percentage Patsy muttered, "Yeah? Just let this subway slinger groove one and I'll hit the pill downtown!"

The portsider dealt a dypsydo from the bottom, and all Percentage Patsy managed to do was count the stitches. "C'mon crooked arm," he howled, "let's see one down the alley." The barker at first frantically signalled for him to lay one down.

Crooked arm whipped in a Borough Hall and the Jesse James called it good. Patsy screamed at Mr. Guess, "Call 'em clean, or you'll wind up watching 'em in a box-car." The high pocket at the hot corner jockeyed Patsy, "One more and that horse collar'll fit you fine."

The meal ticket fogged over a pea and the morning glory powdered a line drive to the catcher. The robber waved him away as the yodeler at third grunted, "Learn to unbutton your shirt, Yankee Doodle."

When Patsy parked himself on the bench, the teacher cracked, "You're strictly a show-boat, Patsy." The spell-binder retorted, "Ah, that satchelfoot sidewheeler threw me a sailer."

The skipper's shadow growled at the gardener, "You always fall in up to the neck. Maybe the lamps are dimming."

On the first rainy Tuesday that comes along, we'll translate the baseball jive for those of you who didn't dig it.

The Roundup

Baugh Still Pitches Bullets

by Phil Gordon

Snuffy Stirnweiss, who's been battling George Washington Case for the base-stealing honors, pulled up five ahead of the Senator's fleet-footed stealer, when he racked up No. 47 in Tuesday's Yankee-Red Sox nitecap.

Dixie Walker's single, double and triple against the Phils the other day, shoved him five points ahead of Stan Musial in the fight for batting honors in the senior circuit.

As of Tuesday night, Walker was top man with .357, Musial's mark was .352, and in third place, giving the leaders a terrific run for their money, was that old man Mister Medwick, whose .346 is the talk of the town.

Slingin' Sammy Baugh's rifle eye has lost none of its sharpness, as was demonstrated in the recent Redskins-Brooklyn Tigers grid exhibition.

Three minutes before half-time, Sammy entered the contest and then the Redskins started to roll. The Texas tosser rounded end for 33 yards to Brooklyn's 26... and then let his trusty right arm tell the story with a payoff pass to Aguirre.

In the fourth period, Sammy put on one of his inimitable exhibitions, as he heaved that pigskin for successive gains of 11, 19, 7, 4 and 6 yards... Sammy just picks up where he left off from season to season... and if that exhibition contest was any criterion, he'll have one hell of a season this Fall.

Bill Voiselle seems a sure clinch to cop 20-game before the Giant schedule winds itself out... William made it No. 17 against the Braves on Tuesday night, and was the third successive Giant hurler to work a complete game.

The above mentioned Giant-Boston fray saw Damon Phillips, the Braves' third baseman equal a

major league record by taking care of eleven chances without a mis-play... That record was first chalked up by James White of Buffalo in 1884, and six years later, Jack Benny of the Giants duplicated the trick.

In years gone by, it was nothing for the Yankees to rack up 100 or more homers per team. But they'll really have to hustle if they want to accomplish that feat this season. When Oscar Grimes bashed out his circuit clout against the Red Sox on Tuesday, it marked the 74th roundtripper for the Bronxites... which leaves the Yanks with 26 more to collect in their remaining thirty games.

The University of Pennsylvania lost one of their most promising backs, when George Gibbon enlisted in the Navy the other day.

Army-Navy Game At Annapolis

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UP).—Secretary of Navy James Forrestal announced today that the Army-Navy football game Dec. 2 will be played at Annapolis, Md., with attendance limited strictly to those living within a 10-mile radius of the naval academy.

The game was taken away from Philadelphia and its municipal stadium with a seating capacity of more than 100,000 in 1942 in order to avoid any strain on war-time transportation. The regulations restricting ticket sales to those living in the area also were imposed at that time. The 1942 game was held at Annapolis, while the classic was played at West Point last year.

Baseball Standings

AMERICAN LEAGUE					
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	
St. Louis	71	54	.568	—	
Detroit	66	57	.537	4	
Boston	68	59	.535	4	
New York	66	58	.532	4 1/2	
Philadelphia	62	67	.481	11	
Cleveland	60	67	.472	12	
Chicago	57	67	.460	13 1/2	
Washington	52	73	.416	19	

NATIONAL LEAGUE					
	W.	L.	Pct.	G.B.	
St. Louis	91	30	.752	—	
Pittsburgh	71	48	.597	19	
Cincinnati	67	51	.568	22 1/2	
New York	57	66	.463	35	
Chicago	52	65	.444	37	
Philadelphia	48	71	.403	42	
Boston	49	74	.398	43	
Brooklyn	47	77	.379	45 1/2	

Local Batting

DODGERS					
Walker	357	Bragan	352		
Bolling	355	Rosen	349		
Galan	319	Schultz	247		
Waner	287	Stanley	224		
Bordagaray	273	Koch	218		
Owen	266	Rochell	188		
Oimo	265	Brown	185		
GIANTS					
Medwick	346	Luby	263		
Weintraub	315	Hausmann	252		
Treadway	303	Mancuso	247		
Ott	295	Rucker	234		
Reyes	282	Sloan	226		
Lombardi	269	Jurges	211		
Kerr	255				
YANKEES					
Stirnweiss	309	Grimes	273		
Martin	309	Savage	267		
Lindell	285	Garbark	254		
Crossetti	283	Stainback	254		
Derry	281	Milosevich	249		
Etten	277	Metheny	248		

Draft Boards Ruling On Religious Holidays

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30 (UP).—Local draft boards were given blanket authority today to grant requests of registrants not to be sent for physical examinations or to be inducted into the Army or conscientious objector camps on their religious holidays.

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11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF—Road to Life	WJZ—News-Tro Harper
WOR—Breakfast With Breneman	WABC—Honeymoon Hill
WQXR—Alma Dettinger	
11:15-WEAF—Vic and Sade	WOR—Talks and Music
WABC—Second Husband	
11:30-WEAF—Star Playhouse	WJZ—News: Cliff Edwards, Songs
WABC—Bright Horizon	
11:45-WEAF—David Harum	WOR—Toby's Topics
WABC—Aunt Jenny's Stories	

NOON TO 2 P.M.

12:00-WEAF—News Reports	WJZ—Glamour Manor
WABC—News: Kate Smith's Chat	
12:15-WEAF—Talk—Maggi McNellis	WOR—Mealtime Melodies
WABC—Big Sister	
12:30-WEAF—Sky High, Variety Show	WOR—News: Juke Box
WJZ—News: Farm and Home Makers	
WABC—Helen Trent	
12:45-WEAF—Our Gal Sunday	WOR—News: Jack Berch, Songs
1:00-WEAF—Mary Margaret McBride	WJZ—H. R. Baukhage, News
WABC—Life Can Be Beautiful	
1:15-WEAF—Woman's Exchange Show	WABC—Ma Perkins
WABC—Lopes Orchestra	
1:30-WEAF—Bernardine Flynn, News	WABC—Bernardine Flynn, News
1:45-WEAF—Morgan Beatty, News	WOR—American Woman's Jury
WJZ—Galen Drake	
WABC—The Goldbergs	

2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF—The Guiding Light	WOR—Martha Deane Program
WJZ—News Comments	
2:15-WEAF—Today's Children	WABC—Fortia Faces Life
WJZ—Galen Drake	
2:30-WEAF—Woman in White	WOR—News: Talk—Jane Cowl
WJZ—Ed East and Polly	
WABC—Young Dr. Malone	
2:45-WEAF—Hymns of All Churches	WABC—Perry Mason
3:00-WEAF—A Woman of America	WOR—Real Stories
WJZ—Morton Downey	
WABC—Mary Marlin	
3:15-WEAF—Ma Perkins	WOR—Success Stories
WJZ—Hollywood Star Time	
WABC—Tena and Tim	
3:30-WEAF—Pepper Young	WOR—Dr. Eddy's Food Forum
WJZ—Appointment with Life	
WABC—News—Bob Trout	
WNYC—Treasury Star Parade	
3:45-WEAF—Right to Happiness	WABC—The High Places

From the Press Box

Yanks Beat Bosox, Tigers, Browns Lose

by C. E. Dexter

Despite a pair of homers by Jimmy Bucher and another by Bob Johnson, the Yankees managed to beat out the Red Sox at the Stadium yesterday, 9-7, and regain possession of second place as the Tigers

Hank Borowy won his sixteenth of the season, even though he was relieved in the seventh inning by fireman Jim Turner. O'Neill, Hausmann and Ryba handled the hurling chores for Boston.

The Bosox went off to a one-run lead in the first as Pete Fox singled and scored on Bob Johnson's triple. The Yanks came right back in the bottom half of the same inning to tie it up, as Stirnweiss tripled and tallied on Bud Metheny's squeeze bunt.

New York collected three more runs in the second stanza, as Garbark and Borowy singled. Both batters scored on Snuffy Stirnweiss' double. Bud Metheny then drew a walk, and Martin's single scored Snuffy with the Yank's third run, making the score 4-1 New York.

Another run for the McCarthy-men was collected in the third, when Nick Etten doubled to right and later scored on a fly off the bat of Oscar Grimes.

Again in the fifth frame, the Bronxites tallied one more as Nick Etten got a free ride when he was hit by a pitched ball. Grimes singled him along to third base, and Garbark's single scored Nick.

Boston started to come back in the seventh, when McBride tripled to right and Jimmy Bucher unloaded his first homer of the afternoon. Metkovich singled to center, and then Bob Johnson poled out his sixteenth round-

tripper of the year, which put Boston back in the ballgame, 6-5.

In the seventh stanza, the Bronxites came back with another brace of runs. Nick Etten tripled off Bosox hurler Ryba, and Crossetti's double scored him. Frankie was forced at third by Grimes and Garbark likewise forced Grimes. Turner then lashed a double into right, putting Garbark at third. Stirnweiss was purposely passed and then Metheny drew a walk, forcing in Garbark and making the score 8-5 in favor of New York.

But the Bosox were still battling in the eighth, as Jimmy Bucher smacked out his second homer of the day into right field, making it 8-7. But that was the closest the Bosox came to winning the game, as the Yanks added one more for good measure in their half of the eighth.

The St. Louis Browns were leading Cleveland 7-4 going into the last half of the eighth inning, when the Indians suddenly unloaded an eight-run rally to shakedown the league leaders, 12-7. . . . At Briggs Stadium, the White Sox completely overpowered the Bengals, 8-3.

French Swim Star

PARIS, Aug. 30 (UP).—The Paris newspaper, Defense of France, said today that Alfred Nakache, who held the unofficial world's record for the 200-meter breast stroke, had died in Poland.

Radio Concerts

6-6:55 P.M., WLIB—Great Classics.	8-9 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Symphony Hall.
6:15-6:40 P.M., WEAF—Hugh Thompson, baritone.	9:30-9:55 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Music Festival.
6:30-7 P.M., WQXR (also FM)—Dinner Music.	11:30-12 P.M., WEAF—Canadian Music in Wartime.
7:05-8 P.M., WNYC (also FM)—Master-work Hour.	

4:00-WEAF—Backstage Wife	WOR—John Gambling, Talk
WJZ—Correspondents Abroad	WABC—Service Time
4:15-WEAF—Stella Dallas	WJZ—Don Norman Show
4:25-WEAF—News; Recorded Music	
4:30-WEAF—Lorenzo Jones	WOR—Full Speed Ahead
WJZ—News; Westbrook van Voorhis	
4:45-WEAF—Young Widder Brown	WJZ—Hop Harrigan
WABC—Raymond Scott Orchestra	
5:00-WEAF—When a Girl Marries	WOR—Uncle Don
WJZ—Terry and the Pirates	
WABC—Eddie Dunn Show	
5:15-WEAF—We Love and Learn	WOR—Chick Carter
WJZ—Dick Tracy	
WMCA—Recorded Music	WQXR—E. M. Sternberger, News
5:30-WEAF—Just Plain Bill	WOR—Adventures of Tom Mix
WJZ—Jack Armstrong	
WABC—Navy School of Music	
5:45-WEAF—Front Page Farrell	WOR—Superman
WJZ—Sea Hound	
WABC—Wilderness Road	

6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF—News Reports	WOR—Sydney Moseley, News
WJZ—News; John B. Kennedy	
WABC—News; Ned Calmer	
WQXR—Music to Remember	
6:15-WEAF—Concert Music	WOR—Newsreel
WJZ—Ethel and Albert	
WABC—Sports—Ted Husing	
6:30-WEAF—Frank Singler	WJZ—Whose War; Sports Talk
WABC—Jeri Sullivan, Songs	
6:40-WEAF—Sports—Bill Stern	
6:45-WEAF—Lowell Thomas	WOR—Sports—Stan Lomax
WJZ—Henry J. Taylor, News	
WABC—The World Today, News	
6:55-WEAF—Joseph C. Harych, News	
7:00-WEAF—Johnny Mercer Show	WOR—Fulton Lewis Jr., News
WJZ—Musical Mysteries	
WABC—I Love a Mystery	
WQXR—Lisa Sergio, News	
7:15-WEAF—News—John W. Vandercook	WOR—Victory Is Our Business
WABC—Passing Parade	
7:30-WEAF—Charlie Chan—Play	WOR—Arthur Hale, News
WJZ—Diane, the Jesters, Songs	
WABC—Mr. Keen	
WMCA—Johannes Steel, News	
7:45-WEAF—The Answer Man	WJZ—Chester Bowles—Talk
WJZ—Frank Morgan, Cass Daley	
8:00-WEAF—Frank Morgan, Cass Daley	Eric Blore, Comedy; Robert Young
WOR—Frank Singler, News	
WJZ—News Comments	
WABC—Suspense—Play	
8:15-WEAF—Nick Carter	WJZ—Lum and Abner

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Literary Lookout

By Samuel Putnam

(This is the fourth of a series of five articles on Walt Whitman, Poet of American Democracy, Selections from His Poetry and Prose, Edited with an Introduction by Samuel Sillen, International Publishers, \$1.50.)

Walt Whitman is the Poet of American Democracy: on that all are agreed, even those who, like his recent British biographer, Hugh l'Anson Fausset, distrust and would distort the very meaning of the word.

It would, indeed, be quite impossible ever to make him out to be a fascist "precursor" or reactionary "nationalist," as might conceivably be done in the case of an Emerson, for instance, by lifting certain passages out of context. There is, I believe, not a line of Whitman that would serve such a purpose. He may wander off at times into a mystical pantheism, but never at any time does he give expression to one undemocratic or chauvinistic idea. His poems, his prose, and his life reveal a burning passion for liberty and democracy. In this respect the only figure with whom one may compare him is his great contemporary, Abraham Lincoln.

Yes, Whitman is the Great Democrat in verse; but, one may ask, what is the source of this passion, this extraordinary fervor of devotion to the Democratic idea, as he would have capitalized it? Walt, as we have seen, had read his Hegel and was a Hegelian in his thinking; but not all Hegelians by any means became democrats, as is evident from the European scene of that era; and, in any event, Walt's democracy was not derived from books—there is nothing bookish about it—but from life, the life of his time, the teeming life of a young and vital America surging restlessly against the farthest-flung frontiers.

OF HIS AGE

In other words, Whitman was a man of his age, and with Stendhal's hero in *Rouge et Noir* he could proudly say: "I wear the uniform of my century!" That century, reaping the aftermath of the French Revolution, was one of a developing and expanding capitalism and of bourgeois-democratic and early proletarian revolutionary struggles, and Whitman, as we can see from his writings, followed it all with avid ear and eye. The upsurge for freedom in other lands, in this hemisphere and on the older continent, stirred him deeply, and his pages are studded with foreign-borrowed words like "Libertad," "Americanos," "Allons," "Viva," etc. (As Dr. Sillen notes, this is also "to suggest the composite character of American nationality.") We accordingly perceive what he means when he writes:

"... my Leaves could not possibly have emerged or been fashioned or completed, from any other era than the latter half of the nineteenth century, nor any land than democratic America, and from the absolute triumph of the National Arms" (i.e., in the Civil War).

As Dr. Sillen points out, this is a refutation of Bliss Perry, who speaks of Whitman's "evident detachment from the pressing concerns of American life" (compare Professor Boynton's "magnificent isolation"), and Sillen goes on to observe that Walt "was vitally concerned as poet and citizen with every central issue of his time. Whitman did not woo posterity by holding aloof from his contemporaries. He wanted to express the reality of 'current' America."

In every aspect of his being Walt Whitman was a democrat. He loathed every remnant, every sorry leftover rag and tatter of a decaying feudalism. He believed with all his heart in the human rights and equality of the Negro people; he believed in the rights and equality of women; he believed in labor's rights; he saw America as a great and glorious patchwork of races and nationalities woven into the fabric of a new nation, the world's first democracy and the one that must take

the lead in the struggle for freedom all over the globe.

THE DEMOCRATIC IDEA

In his introduction Dr. Sillen with admirable clarity traces the constant, consistent broadening and deepening of the Democratic Idea in Whitman's life and work, a development that remarkably parallels on the poetic plane that of the Great Emancipator. There was need for such a labor as this; for Whitman's attitude toward the Negro, slavery, the leadership of Lincoln, and the Civil War has been the object of considerable misunderstanding and misrepresentation in the past. (Newton Arvin, for example, in his volume, *Whitman*, stresses the poet's alleged lack of sympathy for the Abolitionists and for the Negro people, whom he is said to have looked upon as "inferior.") A valuable step toward clarification was made by Henry Seidel Canby in his biography published last year, *Walt Whitman, An American*. Mr. Canby went as far as he could without a full and conscious use of the dialectical method—indeed, he becomes, unconsciously and in spite of himself, a dialectician at times—but it really required a Marxist to complete the picture.

Like Lincoln, Whitman was animated first of all by a passionate desire to preserve his beloved Union, the Union of "These States." He none the less abhorred slavery with every fiber of his being, and what is more, perceived the effect of slavery upon anyone who condoned it: "Everyone that speaks his word for slavery is himself the worst slave."

"Real Americans" I quote Dr. Sillen) "cannot be made out of slaves or the masters of slaves, he adds, warning that the abolitionists should not be scorned because they are few." Whitman himself, the fact is, on at least one occasion made a fiery speech at an abolitionist meeting; but it was when the slaveowners began trying to extend their power over the free-soil states that he in reality came to see with Lincoln that America could not exist half slave and half free. Abandoning the Democratic Party and sacrificing at the same time his journalistic livelihood, he became a Free-Soiler and then a Republican—read the section in this volume which Mr. Sillen entitles "The Basest Outrage," particularly the excerpt from the posthumously published prose paper, *The Eighteenth Presidency* (Freedom Sellers of the Earth).

FOUGHT IT THROUGH

We then see Whitman, the Civil War nurse and correspondent, fighting through, like Lincoln himself, to a full consciousness of the meaning for America's future. He had beheld "The People, of their own choice, fighting, dying for their own idea, insolently attacked by the secession-slavepower"; he had seen democracy justified "beyond the proudest claims and wildest hopes of its enthusiasts."

Walt Whitman, the poet, in short, had found himself. These, says Dr. Sillen were "the real parturition years... surviving the test, he emerges a much greater poet whose humanity has become more disciplined and mature." Whitman himself admitted that it was out of the "Secession War" that his *Leaves of Grass* were really born. Had it not been for that war, they never would have been the poem—the one huge resplendent poem—that we all of us know and love today. Watered by the unflinching, ever onward-flowing stream of democracy, those "Leaves" still flourish and shall flourish, in perennial youth, in this their own America and in that wider America which is the world.

(To Be Concluded)

MOVIES

Till We Meet Again

By FRANK ANTICO

The papers have been carrying stories these past few days about the underground tunnels that the Nazis had constructed in Paris, against the inevitable moment when

the populace would rise against them. The supermen were really rats at heart, and even at the height of their triumphs knew that they belonged to the nether regions.

In the new film at the Rivoli, *Till We Meet Again*, more than an inkling is given of the spirit of the French people which made hunted and harassed pignies of the blatant conquerors. Although the movie is a minor effort and bears the marks of Hollywood machine rustiness, its producers must be credited with surmounting the plot difficulties to an agreeable extent and with communicating some of the emotion that charged the resistance movement with power.

PLOT PROBLEM

The plot difficulty can be understood from its mere statement. An American aviator, forced down in occupied France, is entrusted with important documents by the Maquis and is aided to make his escape by a novice from a convent, who poses as his wife and safely gets him past the border by sacrificing her own life. The Yankee flyer is married, the father of a boy, and a reciter of the joys of wedlock. The French girl is young, beautiful, and has been in the convent since the age of eight, with the memory of a father who symbolized all men as evil. The natural audience expectancy of a boy-meets-girl situation is in this instance frustrated, and the substitute formula is instead presented of a sublimation of the relationship into a sacrificial love.

What saves the picture from succumbing to this highly personalized and ineffectual device is the fortunate intrusion of the outside world. The heavy boots of the Nazi tramping the convent floor echo throughout the film and create a sharpening counterpoint to the idyllic tones of the fugitives. And the firm and confident voice of the French people asserts itself, through the Mother Superior and the convent gardener and a restaurant



Gloria Nord is prominent in the 125-member cast of *Skating Vauties* which will have its premiere at Madison Square Garden Sept. 12.

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keeper, saying: The fight for freedom gives us pride and assurance. The fight for conquest yields the Nazi hate and a fear of the "conquered." We shall prevail.

Pact, with its embarrassing rudeness, has beat the fiction of this movie to the punch in France. But the film will still serve as a useful reminder of an elementary lesson which surmounts clichés.

Barbara Britton, as the novice, gives an intelligent, finely wrought performance, and is decidedly an actress to be watched. Ray Milland is smooth and persuasive in his role as the aviator. Lucile Watson, in her role of Mother Superior, shows the benefits of long experience on the stage and screen. The dialogue by Lenore Coffee is several cuts above the average.

On the same bill with this film is a disreputable and trashy "comic" cartoon called *Jasper Goes Hunting*, produced by George Pal assisted by Leon Schlesinger. It is anti-Negro from beginning to end, filled with all the canards about crap-shooting, chicken-stealing and other lying and ridiculing devices employed to defame a people. It dirties the screen and should be removed from exhibition at once.

TILL WE MEET AGAIN, a Paramount picture, screen play by Lenore Coffee, based on a play by Alfred Maury, directed by Frank Borzage; with Ray Milland, Barbara Britton, Walter Slezak, Lucile Watson, Konstantin Shayne, Vladimir Sokoloff, Marguerite D'Alvarez, Mona Freeman. At the Rivoli.

Toscanini in 2 Concerts For Troops Overseas

Mozart's Symphony in A Major will be the featured offering of Arturo Toscanini when he conducts the NBC Symphony Orchestra in the second of his two programs dedicated to the Allied forces overseas Sunday, Sept. 3 (NBC, 5:00 to 6:00 p.m., EWT).

The maestro donated his services for the two special General Motors Symphony of the Air broadcasts, which were arranged in cooperation with the Armed Forces Radio Service, the Office of War Information and the Coordinator of Inter-American Affairs. As on all NBC Symphony broadcasts, the concerts will be shortwaved to troops overseas.

Secretary Perkins

Labor Day Address

Madame Secretary of Labor Frances Perkins will deliver her annual Labor Day address over the Columbia network Monday, Sept. 4 from 4:45 to 5:00 p.m., EWT.

She will speak from Boston, at CBS station WEEI.

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Late Bulletins

Senate Opens Hearings on FEPC; Chavez Demands Anti-Bias Law

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, Aug. 30.—Hearings on the creation of a permanent Fair Employment Practice Committee opened today before a senate education and labor subcommittee.

Sen. Dennis Chavez, New Mexico Democrat, who heads the subcommittee, said that discrimination in employment "hinders production and full employment and depresses living standards, cuts down purchasing power and imperils national unity."

Chavez urged the passage of anti-discrimination legislation which would be binding on unions and employers alike to "give body to our declarations of freedom from want and freedom from fear."

Groups including the American Jewish Congress, the National Council of Churches of Christ, Congressional Christian Churches and the National Council of Christians and Jews appeared in behalf of a permanent FEPC.

Spokesmen for community groups, labor and women's organizations will be heard before hearings close Sept. 1.

In the meantime, Rep. Mary Norton, chairman of the House Labor Committee, declared that completion of housing hearings on a permanent FEPC was postponed until after the elections "because it was realized that it would be physically impossible to hear the listed number of proponents and opponents and report a bill before election."

Rep. Norton said that both Democrats and Republicans were present at the labor committee meeting here where the decision was made and that there was no dissent.

Answering a statement by Rep. Charles LaFollette, Indiana Republican, who blamed the administration for postponing hearings, Rep. Norton said:

"I am in entire agreement with LaFollette that the issue should transcend politics. The position of the Democratic Party is clear on this subject. It translated its attitude toward a minority through the President's executive order creating FEPC, and, if further evidence of its position is necessary, I would suggest that the action taken by the Philadelphia Transit Co. and the Los Angeles Railway Co., in the hiring and upgrading of Negroes is sufficient answer as to the sincerity of the Roosevelt administration."

FDR Tide Will Include Senate, Senator O'Mahoney Forecasts

Senator Joseph C. O'Mahoney (D-Wyo) yesterday predicted the Democrats would not only retain their majority in the Senate after the November elections but would keep at least their present 57 seats.

Speaking at a press conference held at the Democratic National Committee headquarters in the Biltmore Hotel, the Senator also stated that chances naturally favor Democratic candidates for the Senate in states which are conceded Roosevelt. This is particularly true this year, he said, when the people are thinking about international policy and have demonstrated their satisfaction with the Roosevelt-Hull leadership in international affairs.

WARREN'S SPEECH

The Senator then told how a speech written by Republican Gov. Warren of California was drastically toned down and virtually re-

written by the Republican National Committee before it was issued to the press.

"Gov. Warren now refuses to deliver the speech written for him by the Republican National Committee," the Senator said. "I think that is typical of what the country is doing. If the Dewey-Brownell propaganda is too strong for Warren, it certainly is too strong for the people."

Naming seven Southern states—Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, North Carolina and South Carolina—as an uncontested seven of the 14 needed seats, O'Mahoney then predicted certain victory for Hayden of Arizona, Downey of California, Barkley of Kentucky, Tydings of Maryland, Thomas of Oklahoma, Wallgren of Washington, Thomas of Utah, Schricker of Indiana and Lucas of Illinois.

GOP Talk Too Raw for Warren; Delivered Own Radio Speech

Gov. Earl Warren of California said yesterday he had rejected a speech suggested to him by Republican National Headquarters, which was a bitter red-baiting attack on President Roosevelt and Sidney Hillman of the CIO Political Action Committee, and had drafted one of his own for last Tuesday night's national broadcast on behalf of Gov. Dewey.

Evidently Gov. Warren realized that the original speech was too raw even for a Republic spokesman to make.

The original speech was, however, delivered to the press as the scheduled address and cancelled only a few hours before delivery.

The story of the broadcast in the early edition of yesterday's Daily Worker was based on the original speech.

Baltimore Carpenters Sue Czar Hutcheson

INDIANAPOLIS, Aug. 30.—A Baltimore local of the AFL Brotherhood of Carpenters filed suit in Circuit Court here yesterday charging international officers failed to account for funds expended when they were in charge of the local from 1927 to 1943. William L. Hutcheson, president, and other officers are defendants along with the International.

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Women and children in the streets of Paris crouch under a hail of machine gun bullets from Nazi snipers. The Germans staged this sneak attack as jubilant French civilians gathered to welcome de Gaulle back to their liberated city.

The Veteran Commander

SOMME LINE OUTFLANKED BY PATTON

GENERAL PATTON'S motomechanized columns crossed the Ghemme des Dames of World War I positional fame and have reached Laon. Their spearhead points straight at Sedan.

Thus the line of the Somme along which Weygand was going to make his mythical stand in June, 1940, has been completely outflanked. The German Fifteenth Army, guarding the "rocket-region," is being relentlessly boxed in between the sea, the British-Canadian armies on the Seine and General Patton's Third American Army, whose front (if there is such a thing in Patton's case) runs roughly parallel to the Oise from Paris to Laon and will probably soon reach the Meuse near Metz.

What may be called Patton's right flank (strictly speaking the man has "neither flank nor front") is pushing from the Chalons-Vitry line toward Verdun, with Reims being enveloped between the two columns (Laon and Chalons).

Meanwhile the British, fighting actually for their own homes, which are being devastated by the robots at the rate of 17,000 houses per day, have surged across the Seine and are cutting up the remnants of the German Seventh Army on the approaches to the Somme. The square "box" between the sea, the Somme, the Oise and the Seine is fast becoming another area of annihilation for the Germans, with Allied fliers blasting the bridges over the Somme in the German rear.

In the south the remnants of the German 19th Army are being herded into the Rhone Valley by General Patch. The American Seventh (now under the over-all command of Eisenhower who is coordinating what may be called the Seine-Rhone pincers) has captured Nimes and is spilling southwestward, toward the Spanish border.

It is reported that Allied troops have lost Briancon, which controls the railroad from France to Turin across the Alps. It is clear that the Germans have made an extra effort here

to keep Allied troops from entering Northern Italy via Briancon and cutting the "planned" German retreat from the Gothic Line to the Alps. The Germans simply must hold on between Ventimiglia (the French-Italian border station on the Riviera) and the Swiss border until their withdrawal in Italy to the Alps has been completed.

BY A lightning thrust of 70 miles in one day, Soviet motomechanized forces in combined operation with the Black Sea Fleet and the Air Force have captured the great Romanian port of Constanta. Within a matter of a day or so (maybe less), Soviet troops will emerge on the border of Bulgaria, as established in 1940. Thus, for the first time in this war, the Red Army will have one of its flanks abutted against a neutral country (so far the Red Army's flanks were always abutted against the Black Sea and Arctic Ocean) which means that the "neutrality" of that country will have to be made quite "solid." From now on the Red Army's left flank will have to slide roughly 300 miles along the Bulgarian border almost to the Iron Gate of the Danube, and Bulgaria will have to be watched closely, and behave.

Marshal Malinovsky's troops, having crossed the strongly fortified Buzeu River, have captured the oil town of that name and are now approaching the heart of the Ploesti oilfields.

Meanwhile Malinovsky's right flank is stabbing across the mountain passes into Transylvania. It has been reported by the Germans that Cossaks are across Ghimes Pass through which passes the railroad from Adjut in Moldavia to Cluj in Transylvania.

THE Czechoslovak underground appears to have risen, and its first official communique has been received in London, although its contents are not known here at this writing.

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